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Opening Remarks

A Thankless Task

The guys behind Thanksgiving weren't happy. After meeting with their team of $750-an-hour consultants, they decided that the holiday needed a mascot on the level of Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny, because revenue has steadily dropped for the last dozen Novembers.

The traditional pardoned turkey on the White House lawn wasn't cutting it. And who can even guess what Trump will do this year? He may just tell the kitchen staff to heat up the deep fryer. (By the way, Roy Moore, I think your invitation to Thanksgiving dinner at the White House got lost in the mail.)

Anyway, the well-paid consultants put their heads together and narrowed down the proposed new Thanksgiving mascot to these three:

- A Black Friday advertising insert from the newspaper wrapped around a football.

- A Native American and a land grabber (formerly called "pilgrim") in a completely untrusting embrace.

- A big bowl of macaroni and cheese. Actually, George Carlin came up with that one (as well as a lot of Facebook memes that are completely out of character for the edgy comedy legend).

It will be interesting to see which of these becomes the new face of Thanksgiving. Meantime, my face will be covered with turkey, Wild and otherwise. Have a happy and safe holiday, Beachcomberland!

- Editor Manson

Noelle Tabor with her other half enjoying the best of what Beachcomberland (specifically 30A) has to offer. Ms. Tabor's THE 30A COLORING BOOK is featured in this issue's Books department.

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Joni Williams ("Three Trendy Beers You Should Try Now") enjoys eating, drinking and hitting the road on the spur of the moment, which is pretty much what she writes about, too.

Opening Remarks CONTINUED...

YOUR THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS

Yes ("Opening Remarks – We Don't Wanna Be You Either," Oct. 19-Nov. 1 *Beachcomber*)! Editor Manson, for all the reasons you stated in your remarks, (that) is exactly why Navarre doesn't want to become what Destin has become. While we may have a few miles of congestion at certain times of the day, Destin has miles and miles of bumper-to-bumper traffic all the time every day. Just answer this—how much is enough? How many restaurants, hotels, stores and activities does it take? Destin continues to build and build on every square inch of open space available. I thank God for that piece of Air Force property, otherwise it would be endless hotels.

I work at an RV resort in Navarre, and every single day I talk to people who are coming to our town to get away from yours. Why? Too much traffic, too expensive, too many people, too many boats, too many jet skis, too much crap! I used to love Destin 20 years ago. We spent many vacations at the Army FamCamp, ate many breakfasts at The Donut Hole, and dropped a small fortune at The Track.

But when my husband retired, we knew Destin was not the place to live. Navarre may not have go-karts, zip lines and rock climbing walls, but we offer a small town feel and only a 20/30/40/50-minute drive to all the madness Destin has to offer.

- Debbie Swope

Always enjoy *Beachcomber,* and especially loved (and completely agreed with) "Common Sense Still Matters" (Oct. 19-Nov. 1 issue). Thank you to Charles Morgan for writing it and to the editor for publishing. After living in Australia and Europe for periods of time, I believe us Americans could actually learn something from other countries—and that we need to change our ways soon if we want a better country for the next generations.

- Cheryl Pond

NEWS AND NOTES

Chef Giovanni, executive chef at **Vue on 30a,** is back for the current all-star season of *Hell's Kitchen.* We have no idea if Chef Gio is going to make it to the finish line, but he hasn't embarrassed us too much three episodes in. The program airs Friday nights on the FOX network.

Among the big names added to next January's 30A Songwriters Festival (*Beachcomber* involvement not hammered out at press time, thanks for asking)—**Ann Wilson** from Heart (yeah, we don't know which one she is either, but she and Nancy are both great), **Kathy Mattea** (her recent album *Coal* is a masterpiece), **James McMurtry** (who's featured in this publication whenever he's in town), **Aaron Lee Tasjan, Paul Thorn, Ed Roland** of Collective Soul, **Hayes Carll** ("She Left Me for Jesus"), **Drivin' N Cryin'** and **Ruthie Foster.**

They will join previously announced headliners **Emmylou Harris, Steve Earle, The Zombies, Patty Griffin, Lee Ann Womack** (damn!), **North Mississippi Allstars, Emily Saliers, Shawn Mullins,** and Lady Antebellum's **Charles Kelley.**

Plus **Tommy Stinson** from The Replacements, which is extremely cool for a small number of us.

You can get your tickets now at **30ASongwritersFestival.com,** and catch some or all of the 225 live performances next MLK weekend.

World of Beachcomber

Beachcomber Editor **Chris Manson** recently judged at HarborWalk Village's Blues, Brews & BBQ, sampling about a dozen dishes from local restaurants, most of them delicious. The big winners included Grande Vista Bar and Grill (Best Booth), Crab Island Cantina (Best Seafood), Jackacuda's (Most Creative), and Landshark's Pizza Co. (Best Traditional). The People's Choice honors went to Jackacuda's, along with a $1,000 donation to the restaurant's charity of choice, Food for Thought Outreach, Inc.

Beachcomber Editor Chris Manson (left) with his fellow "celebrity" judges at November 4's Blues, Brews & BBQ event at HarborWalk Village in Destin.

Photo by Rachel Zdan.

Contributing Editor **Bruce Collier** will host the Freeport Christmas program Saturday, **Dec. 2.** The event gets underway at 6 p.m., following the parade. He will also be acting in Emerald Coast Theatre Company's *A Wrinkle in Time* at Grand Boulevard at Sandestin **Dec. 7-23.**

Contributing writer **Chris Leavenworth** is also the executive director of Destin Harvest, one of the beneficiaries of this year's FREE Thanksgiving dinner at Harbor Docks. He was originally hired as a part-time driver and has been with the organization since 2008. He has written and won multiple grants that have awarded DH with operating funds, equipment, and several refrigerated trucks.

Beachcomber contributor (among other things) Chris Leavenworth. Nothing can stop this guy.

Contributing writer and photographer **Nikki Hedrick** didn't know what to expect from the second annual Kite Film Fest, held November 11 in Destin. "Would the sophomore slump hit us over the head?" she wondered. "Would tech goblins come out to play and derail the festivities?"

Fortunately, the event was a success with double the amount of films (and attendees) as the first, along with several new award categories. "It's an honor to be part of something that brings so many members of the local and not-so-local film communities together," says Nikki. "Here's to seeing what year three will bring."

Beachcomberland power couple Edward McGrath and Nikki Hedrick at the Second Annual Kite Film Fest at Club LA in Destin.

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Okaloosa Island Beach Luau Parties Benefit Wounded Warriors

Al's Beach Club and Burger Bar on Okaloosa Island hosted its first Beach Luau Party series in August, September and October.

In addition to the Polynesian pig roasts and fire dancers, Al's partnered with **Emerald Coast Wounded Warriors** to help support their cause to bring local war veterans together and educate the public.

On November 3, a portion of the event proceeds was donated to Emerald Coast Wounded Warriors in the amount of $1,000, with thanks for their continued support of the troops.

Emerald Coast Wounded Warriors' goal is to bring local warriors together on the Emerald Coast and to assist with providing forward momentum to healing those warriors. They are not associated with Wounded Warrior Mission but, likewise, seek to educate the public about non-visible wounds such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

- Jordan Hicks

Members of the Al's Beach Club team—manager Alex Cook, marketing and events coordinator Jordan Hicks, and marketing director Misty Ruthrauff—with Emerald Coast Wounded Warriors founder Ken Gestring.

Impact 100 Awards Grants to Local Nonprofits

The members of IMPACT 100 of Northwest Florida voted and recently announced their 2017 grant winners, awarding four $102,000 grants. Representatives of each nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization in Okaloosa and Walton counties named as a finalist were present, as well as IMPACT 100 officers and members.

The finalists were selected from the following five categories—Arts and Culture, Education, Environment, Health and Recreation, and Family.

The following grant winners will be awarded $102,000 each to be used towards betterment of their causes.

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Squalid, Violent Juvenile Detention System Gets What It Pays For

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

The horrors of Florida's juvenile justice system, graphically documented in *The Miami Herald*'s recent "Fight Club" series, shocked almost nobody on the inside.

It was everyone else who was sickened by the videos of kids beating up other kids while guards watched. The officers themselves sometimes ordered the muggings, rewarding the "enforcers" with candy bars. For added entertainment, wagering took place.

One detainee, 17-year-old Elord Revolte, was beaten to death by a swarm of inmates in a Miami juvenile facility. Another was injured so severely that he lost a kidney.

Then there are the squalid stories of sexual predation, officers singling out inmates in exchange for special privileges. Another form of abuse is medical neglect—sick youths are sometimes branded "fakers" and left to suffer.

Obviously, a serious staffing issue plagues the state Department of Juvenile Justice and the private contractors that operate some of the lockups and residential programs. They've hired some real bad people, at a tragic cost.

When you see these awful videos and read these disturbing stories, keep this in mind: The starting annual pay for a DJJ detention officer is only $25,479.22.

And that's if you're lucky enough to get a job at a state-run facility. The largest private company contracted to run juvenile programs pays its new guards $9.50 an hour, which is beyond disgraceful.

The firm, ironically called TrueCore Behavioral Solutions, hires youth-care workers for less money than they can make working as a Walmart cashier. Welcome to the thrifty world of prison privatization, championed by Gov. Rick Scott and the Republican Legislature.

What happens when you pay rock-bottom wages?

You attract eager applicants like Uriah T. Harris, who'd been arrested 11 times on charges that included child neglect, battery, and domestic violence. If you thought such a busy rap sheet would disqualify Harris from interacting with troubled young inmates, you'd be wrong.

He lasted a couple years at a youth academy, whacking kids with a broomstick he witlessly named "Broomie," before he got canned.

Other hires by the juvenile system included scores of individuals who'd been fired from the staffs of adult prisons or local jails, or had been allowed to resign from those jobs while under investigation for improper behavior.

Among the parade of undistinguished candidates was Willie James Cox, who won a position as a youth-care worker after being charged with grabbing the breast of a fellow corrections officer at an adult prison.

It was the third known incident of that type involving Cox, who was fired, convicted of misdemeanor battery and given a year's probation. Nonetheless, he was soon hired by a residential center that provides mental-health services to youths in the Panhandle. He left that job in 2015.

DJJ Secretary Christina K. Daly acknowledged that her agency's past hiring record is "alarming." Inexplicably, background checks were done without seeking the disciplinary files of former adult corrections officers or other state employees.

Background checks were also conducted on behalf of private contract providers like TrueCore, though the DJJ wasn't allowed to block the hiring of a particular applicant unless he or she had been convicted of a "disqualifying" crime.

That meant TrueCore theoretically was free to hire anybody terminated from a state prison who was never criminally prosecuted, no matter what behavior got them fired.

The surprise isn't that so many creeps and losers end up as officers at juvenile lockups. The surprise—more of a miracle, really—is the resilience of the officers who are humane, honest, and hard-working.

Theirs is one of the toughest jobs in the justice system, and they ought to get compensated accordingly. Daly has set procedural reforms in motion, but the applicant pool for youth-care workers will never improve as long as the starting pay is $9.50.

"What other results do they expect to get from that?" mused Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd. "An absolute, total wreck."

Shortly before the *Herald* series was published, Gov. Scott announced he would seek a 10 percent raise for juvenile-detention officers. He cited their "unique opportunity to help change lives and redirect our youth to a successful path."

Even if the Legislature goes along, a DJJ pay hike won't help all the workers employed by TrueCore. One important reform would be to rip up the state's contract with that firm, and demand that it pays its staff a fair salary.

This isn't about hiring people to coddle young offenders; it's about hiring people who will at least try to help young offenders avoid becoming career felons.

Broomsticks and beat-downs don't work.

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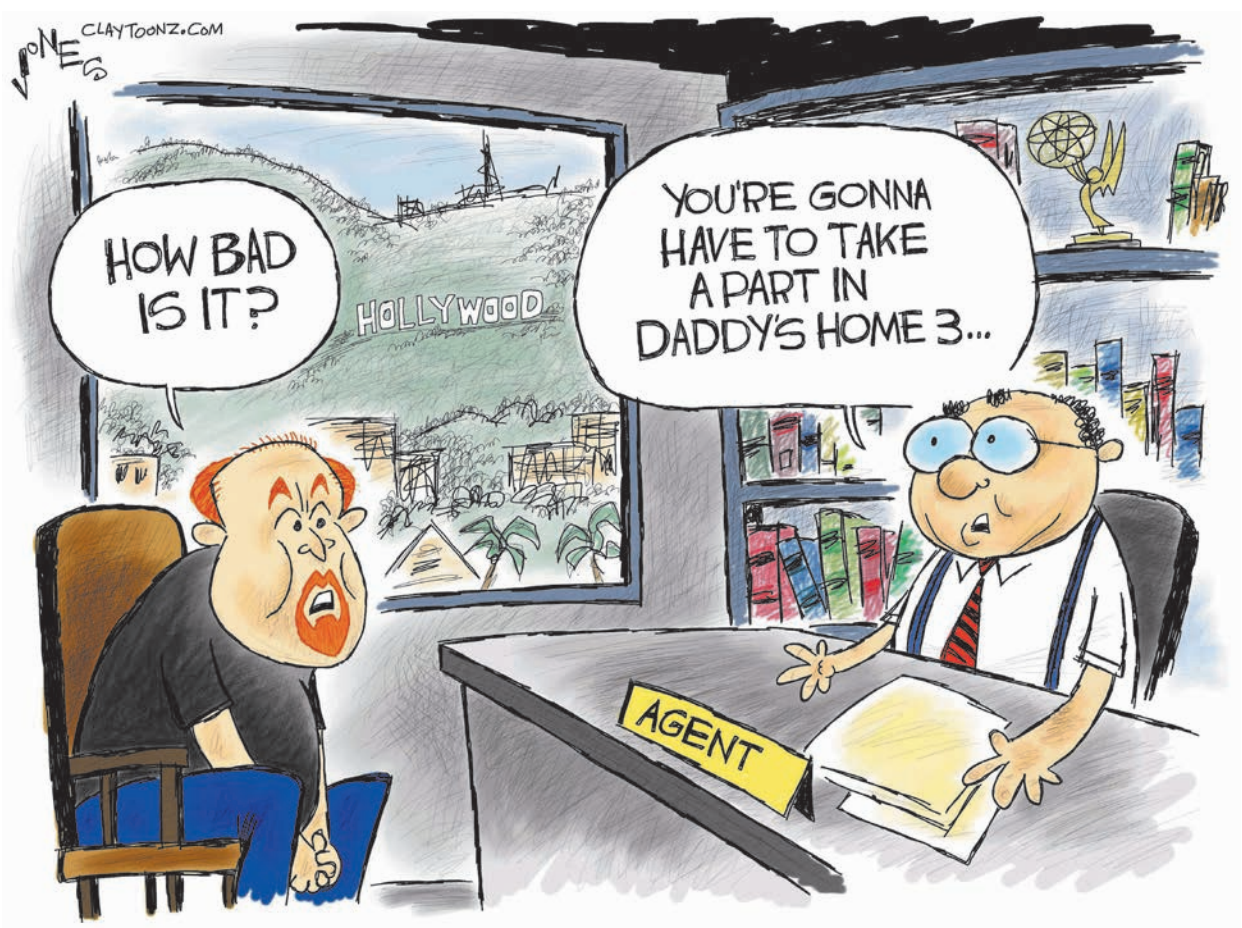

Big Jim Folsom's History Lesson

By Charles Morgan III

In the 1950s, as the story goes, Alabama's governor Big Jim Folsom was caught *en flagrante* in a hotel room with a young woman. With reporters and photographers (who had been tipped off) in tow, he hastily assembled a press conference.

In a wrinkled suit, and obviously suffering from the effects of too much alcohol, the disheveled Folsom made a statement that went something like this:

"If you're going to set a trap for Big Jim with a good bottle of whiskey and a long legged blonde…you're going to catch him every time."

The people of Alabama loved Big Jim.

Aside from his personal behavior, Folsom was my kind of governor. He once said, "Negroes constitute 35 percent of our population in Alabama. Are they getting 35 percent of the fair share of living? Are they getting adequate medical care?" He decried the "stirring of old hatred and prejudices and false alarms. The best way in the world to break this down is to lend our ears to the teachings of Christianity and the ways of democracy."

He promised a monthly pension for everyone over 65, better pay for teachers, and abolition of the poll tax because it disenfranchised poor people—whites as well as blacks. He built "farm to market" roads and helped connect rural Alabama to the rest of the world.

"When I was 18, I spent a lot of time below decks on freighters crossing the Atlantic," he said. "I slept and ate with men of different colors from all over the world. I learned then that men are men… They've got the same aims. There are a lot more important things about a man than the color of his skin."

Remember. This was 70 years ago.

We are made aware every day now—several times a day—that what may have been commonplace 70 years ago—or 10 years ago—or yesterday—is not acceptable and never should have been. Big Jim Folsom fails every one of the litmus tests we now have regarding the personal behavior of our elected officials.

But there is one test that he passed with the greatest of ease. He was not a hypocrite.

In today's world it's difficult to tell who the good guys are. The bad guys don't gravitate to any specific line of work. Neither politicians, athletes, businessmen, nor religious leaders are immune to abhorrent behavior. But as always, it's the hypocrites that stand out.

A bible-thumping, gun-toting judge (twice removed from the bench for failure to follow higher court rulings) who tries to corner the market on "family values," caters to evangelicals and has a creepy history of harassing young girls is not a great candidate for the United States' Senate.

The Catholic Church has found, over the last two decades, that harboring child molesters does not further its mission and it can't possibly help attract members to its cause.

Politicians can rail all day about the sins of homosexuality, the evils of same-sex marriage, and the horrors of a gay lifestyle. I disagree with their position. But I would suggest that if a politician or religious leader really believes that homosexuality is an abomination, it's not a wise position to espouse if you are a closeted homosexual yourself.

And a gentle word from a barely practicing Episcopalian to all churches. If Christianity is all-inclusive (which I think is the whole point), someone should speak out about the hijacking of biblical principles for political practices. Not doing so doesn't wear well with people who are confused about the direction of Christian policy.

Martin Luther King Jr., in his Letter from Birmingham Jail, wrote to his fellow clergymen of his frustration with church leaders and "white moderates":

"Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will. Lukewarm acceptance is much more bewildering than outright rejection."

Alcohol and carnal instincts finally got the best of Big Jim Folsom. But not before he said this in 1955:

"We hear more noise from those who are guided by blinded prejudice and bigotry than is ever the case with those who try to think through and be fair in their approach. If there was ever a time…when we needed wisdom and tolerance and objective thinking, it is certainly now."

News from Beachcomberland

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Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center (ECCAC) provides child-friendly facilities in Okaloosa and Walton counties to help children overcome the trauma of abuse. Child Safety Matters is a child abuse prevention curriculum used statewide except in three counties, two of which are Okaloosa and Walton. ECCAC's proposed Child Abuse Prevention Program would bring this curriculum to Okaloosa and Walton counties as part of a comprehensive child abuse education program targeting adults and children of all ages.

Emerald Coast Science Center's (ECSC) mission is to inspire and grow a scientifically engaged community. ECSC's proposal would renovate two classrooms into an immersive, interactive learning environment to run SMALLab Learning technologies utilizing motion-capture to track students' 3D movements as they learn concepts like physics, chemistry, and even language. Renovations would include new flooring, furniture, plumbing, HVAC, ceiling, lighting, and electrical improvements as well as asbestos abatement.

Fresh Start for Children & Families provides a comprehensive educational, vocational, and economic housing program to help homeless families achieve self-sufficiency. The proposed Fresh Start Family Activity Center would provide a supervised place for children to socialize and play while parents pursue training and education goals. The grant would fund a multipurpose building, ADA-compliant playground, recreational play pad, walking path, garden boxes, fencing, lighting, and utilities.

OTHERS of Destin serves individuals and families faced with a wide range of challenges including poverty, homelessness and job loss. Services are tailored to meet client needs using a holistic approach focused toward self-sufficiency. OTHERS operates out of a church and needs dedicated office space. The grant would fund a modular office building with four offices, two restrooms, and waiting area/classroom space and would cover associated expenses for permitting, placement, and utility hookup.

IMPACT 100 of Northwest Florida is proud to support these and other local nonprofit organizations.

- Susan Page

DESTIN EAST PASS TIDE AND SUNSET CHART

11.16	Sunrise	6:13am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:49pm	Low	5:55am
	Moon	6%	High	8:40pm
11.17	Sunrise	6:14am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:48pm	Low	6:36am
	Moon	2%	High	8:59pm
11.18	Sunrise	6:15am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:48pm	Low	7:16am
	Moon	0%	High	9:24pm
11.19	Sunrise	6:16am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:48pm	Low	7:58am
	Moon	0%	High	9:53pm
11.20	Sunrise	6:16am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:47pm	Low	8:43am
	Moon	1%	High	10:25pm
11.21	Sunrise	6:17am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:47pm	Low	9:31am
	Moon	4%	High	11:00pm
11.22	Sunrise	6:18am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:47pm	Low	10:18am
	Moon	9%	High	11:35pm
11.23	Sunrise	6:19am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:46pm	Low	11:02am
	Moon	15%		
11.24	Sunrise	6:20am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:46pm	High	12:11am
	Moon	23%	Low	11:39am
11.25	Sunrise	6:21am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:46pm	High	12:46am
	Moon	31%	Low	12:09pm
11.26	Sunrise	6:21am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:46pm	High	1:17am
	Moon	41%	Low	12:31pm
11.27	Sunrise	6:22am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:45pm	High	1:31am
	Moon	51%	High	9:46pm
11.28	Sunrise	6:23am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:45pm	Low	12:39pm
	Moon	61%	High	8:22pm
11.29	Sunrise	6:24am	TIDES	
	Sunset	4:45pm	Low	3:59am
	Moon	71%	High	7:53pm

Commentary

The Putin Agenda

By Chris Leavenworth

Unlike in the United States, where the success of an inauguration is factored by the size of its crowd, the streets of Moscow were completely deserted during the Russian inauguration in 2012. Twelve million people were tucked away to make room for Vladimir Putin's personal motorcade that had escorted him to the ceremony for his third term as president.

The whole event was scripted, and every detail recorded and broadcasted to 94 percent of the Russian population. At a coffee shop next door to the inauguration, a small resistance group was squashed by a riot squad before they even have a chance to protest.

Much has changed in Russia since Putin replaced Yeltsin in 2000. For example, there were less than 20 billionaires in the whole country only 15 years ago. Today, with Putin on his third presidential term and having served a second term as prime minister, Russia is now home to 118 billionaires, placing the country fourth in the world for population of billionaires.

Despite the wealthiest of those billionaires in Russia being among his personal best friends, Putin claims to own only 1,500 square meters of land with a 77-square-meter flat and garage. The only earnings he reports are his salary wages as president, which vary year to year and have never been over $195,000 in rubles. In his garage, he claims to keep two modest Soviet-era cars from the 1960s and a common Russian 4x4. Even Putin's most authentic supporters openly joke about him owning a small flat and only collecting his presidential salary.

Many experts are convinced he's the richest and most powerful man in the world, having four times the wealth of someone like Bill Gates. It's estimated that Putin is worth over 200 billion.

A report released in 2012 by Boris Nemtsov, a former deputy prime minister and opposition politician, states Putin has four personal yachts, 43 planes, 15 helicopters, and over 20 palaces and villas, many with multiple heliports and each outfitted for unparalleled luxury.

Russia is said to be the most unequal major economy in the world. As oligarchs have grown wealthier and wealthier over the past 17 years, it's no mystery that the average Russian making only $450 a month is worse off than the average worker in China, Serbia, Romania or Poland. Almost two-thirds of all wealth in Russia is controlled by millionaires.

Under Putin's administration, control over natural resources was transferred from public hands to his loyalists, exclusively providing a small group of oligarchs total control over oil, gas and pulp industries. This has been one of the significant factor for wealth inequality in Russia.

Each week there seems to be a new breaking story emerging about Russia and their involvement with the U.S. election. Understanding who Putin is, what motivates him, and what he has done for Russia makes it easier to understand why he benefits from Trump in office.

The oligarchs Putin has helped make much wealthier—and, in turn, have made him the wealthiest man in the world—are counting on Putin to have his way with the United States. The 2016 election was considered a huge success in that regard.

#ArtMatters Public Exhibition Artists Revealed

The Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County (CAA) is pleased to announce the six winning artists selected for the #ArtMatters Public Art Exhibition at the Hyatt Place, the newest hotel project to break ground in Grand Boulevard at Sandestin. These artists' works were chosen from over 80 submissions—**Francisco Adaro, Linda Kernick, Susan Lucas, Michael McCarty, Raul Pardo** and **Julia Vanover.**

The CAA and Howard Hospitality invited area visual artists to submit 2D works to be displayed throughout the Hyatt Place's construction phase as part of the CAA's Art in Public Spaces program. The artists were asked to create and submit artwork that represents the powerful connection between community and art and showcases the vibrancy and uniqueness of the South Walton community.

"Howard Hospitality is honored and excited to partner with the CAA, and we are thrilled to have our newest hotel, Hyatt Place, be a showcase for the six incredible artists who have been selected to display their artwork throughout the Hyatt Place's construction phase," says **Tania Koehler,** director of hotel operations for Howard Hospitality.

"The South Walton area is a thriving artistic and creative community, just as these six incredible artists have demonstrated, and it's a joyous moment to be able to share what makes our community—our home—so special to people of all ages and walks of life who may not have the opportunity to experience and be inspired by art."

The six winning artists each received $500 and a one-week stay at the Hyatt Place upon opening. Each piece will soon be printed on high-quality vinyl and incorporated into the Hyatt Place brand message along the front-facing perimeter fencing of the Hyatt Place site throughout the construction phase.

All six of the original works are currently exhibited and for sale at The Foster Gallery, located in Grand Boulevard Town Center.

"It is fitting that the launch of CAA's Art in Public Spaces program is in partnership with Howard Hospitality and Howard Group, who have always shown their commitment to the arts and understanding of the role the arts play in making a vibrant and strong community," says CAA executive director **Jennifer Steele.** "We look forward to continuing to shine a light on our area's talented and diverse artists through future partnerships and collaborative public art projects."

The Cultural Arts Alliance launched the #ArtMatters campaign in 2016 with an #ArtMatters blog on the CAA website, the Art in Public Spaces exhibit at the Hyatt Place hotel in Grand Boulevard's Town Center and a rebranding of their email newsletter.

From left, Tania Koehler, director of hotel operations for Howard Hospitality; artist Julia Vanover; artist Linda Kernick; artist Michael McCarty; artist Francisco Adaro; and Cultural Arts Alliance executive director Jennifer Steele.

Photo by Jim Clark.

The CAA views #ArtMatters as both a noun and a verb. The CAA believes that art matters to our community by playing an integral role in establishing a culturally rich and diverse community for work, play and stay, and they also view art matters as a constant topic in their advocacy role for Walton County in keeping local, regional, state and national arts related issues top of mind. The CAA's wish is to find creative solutions to community challenges through the arts.

- Melissa Wheeler

We congratulated Visit South Walton's 2018 Artist of the Year Kathleen Broaderick in the last issue of BEACHCOMBER, but here we go again—this time with a lovely photo.

Photo by David Demarest – Visit South Walton.

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ART CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

AMUSE ART STUDIO, 1389 N. CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Drawing and acrylic classes. Call 850-660-6560 for more info.

ARTFUL THINGS, 1087 East John Sims Parkway, Niceville. Call 850-729-2600 for more info.

Tuesdays. Oil with Rosalyn O'Grady, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Cost is $20 per session plus supplies. Call Ros at 850-865-5343. **rosalynogrady.com.**

Wednesdays. Watercolor with Lou Kaunzinger, 10 a.m.-noon. Cost for four-week session is $80 plus supplies. Call Lou at 850-897-1456.

ARTISTS AT GULF PLACE, 40 Town Center Loop, Santa Rosa Beach. Call 850-622-0400 or visit **www.artistsatgulfplace.com** for more info.

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery, Fort Walton Beach. More info at **artsdesignsociety.org.**

Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio, 9 a.m.-noon both days and 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque and Sherry Cooler** is $15 ($12 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is $15 ($12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12, 4-5:30 p.m. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is $70 ($60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is $90 ($80 for ADSO members).

Tuesdays. Open Studio, 7-9:30 p.m. Bring your own supplies (except clay—no clay, please) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is $12 ($10 for ADSO members). Call Marcy at 850-585-4967 by 5:30 p.m. to ensure access.

Thursdays. Watercolor with Pat Farwell, 9:30 a.m.-noon. For beginners and advanced artists. Bring your own supplies. Cost is $90 ($80 for ADSO members). Supply list available at the ADSO website.

Fridays. Open Studio, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Same as Tuesdays, but enter through the ADSO office, please.

CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY, 3925 West County Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach. Call 1-844-5-CHROMA or visit **www.CHROMA30A.com** for more info.

FULL CIRCLE GALLERY, 29 B Eglin Parkway, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-362-8041 or visit **fullcirclefwb.com** for more info.

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HERITAGE MUSEUM OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA, 115 Westview Avenue, Valparaiso. Call 850-678-2615 or visit **Heritage-Museum.org** to sign up or for more info.

THE SHARD SHOP in the Shops of Grayton, Grayton Beach. ShardWorx is a new way of making art with glass and resin on a painted surface. Open Mon.-Sat., 9:15 a.m.-4 p.m. Classes daily. Adult classes, 9:30 a.m. All ages classes at 11 a.m., 12:45 and 2:15 p.m. Classes last about an hour, and all materials are provided. Artwork is ready the day after class. All skill levels welcome. Adults start at $85, kids at $40. Sign up online at **ShardShop.com** or call 850-231-0544.

ART EVENTS

THROUGH NOV. 30. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH
This month, the spotlight is on **Eric Harris** and **Thalia Newton,** who create some striking birdhouses.

THROUGH NOV. 30. ARTIST OF THE MONTH JOAN VIENOT AT WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH
The award-winning oil and plein air painter was featured in the Sept. 21-Oct. 4 *Beachcomber.*

THROUGH DEC. 2. FALL ROTATION AT THE FOSTER GALLERY, GRAND BOULEVARD AT SANDESTIN
The Cultural Arts Association of Walton County's artist collective features **Charlotte Arnold, Diane Black, Jacques Camp, Kevin Campbell, Donnelle Clark, Curt Couch, Joanna Ellington, Ian Fagan, Grace Gisselqist, Theresa Grill Laird, Victoria Guennewig, Linda Kernick, Dolores King, Sharon Long, Susan Lucas, Dana Maher, Michael McCarty, Theresia McInnis, Mark Messerly, Shelley Minchew, Melanie Moore, Denise Nosal, Rosalyn O'Grady, Marian Pacsuta, Kyle Paxton, Betty Pinkston, Mary Redmann, Lori Schinelli, Dorothy Starbuck, Jenna Varney, Joan Vienot** and **Steve Wagner.** Selected by jury, all artists are members of the Cultural Arts Alliance, and each will exhibit one to two pieces of work in this special exhibition.

THROUGH DEC. 15. RICK OTOUPALIK EXHIBIT AT DESTIN LIBRARY

Titled "LiterARTure," the showcase from multimedia and graphic artist Otoupalik, features a variety of work. Meet the artist Thursday, **Nov. 16,** at 5:30 p.m. More at **otoupalikarts.com.**

THROUGH DEC. 16. ADSO ARTS AND CRAFTS CHRISTMAS MARKET AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH
The Christmas market features an assortment of gifts, including jewelry, paintings, clay works, decorations, photographs and note cards, all created by the ADSO's wildly talented members. Works are all reasonably priced. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays. The gallery will be closed for the Thanksgiving holidays, **Nov. 23-27.** For more info, call 850-244-1271.

THROUGH DEC. 22. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET AT HH ARTS, FORT WALTON BEACH
Wonderful art pieces at great prices, Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Jewelry, glass designs, porcelain works, clay designs and much more.

NOV. 19. ART JENKINS RECEPTION AT HH ARTS, FORT WALTON BEACH

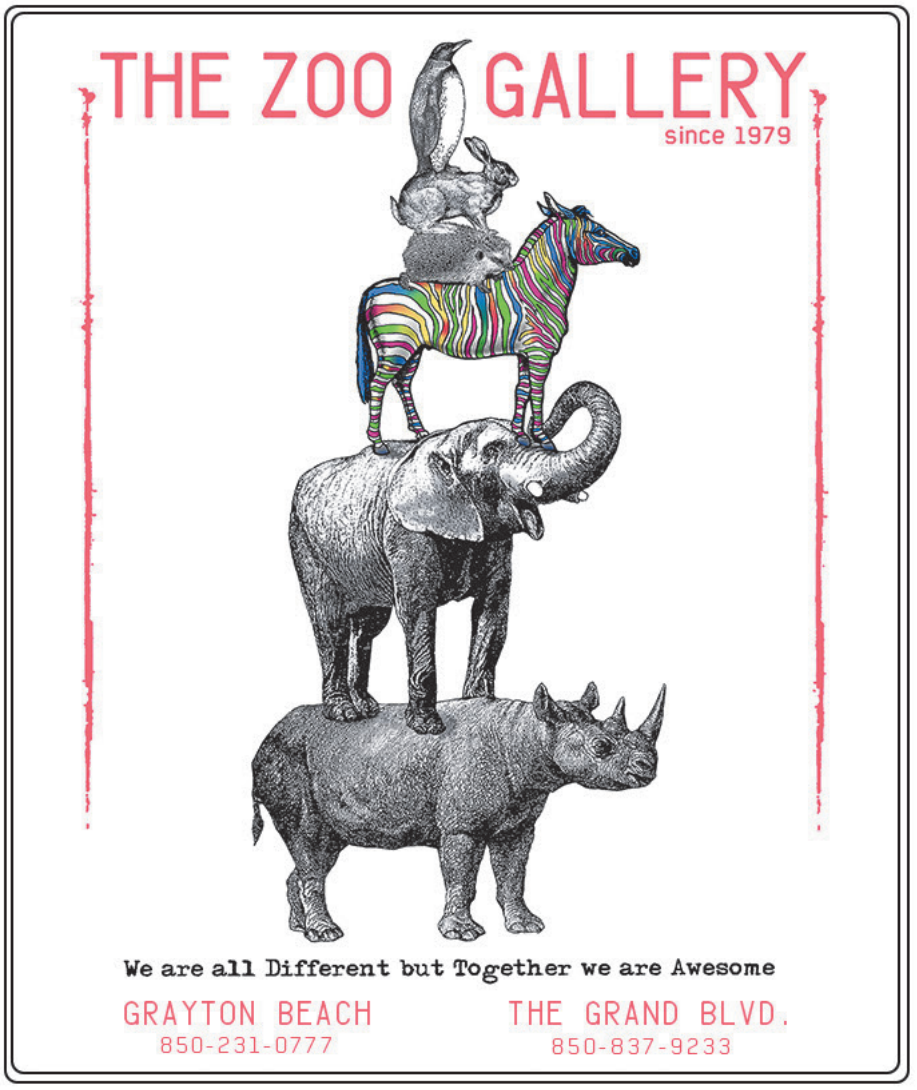
Meet the award-winning acrylic-charcoal-ink artist from 3 to 5 p.m. Mr. Jenkins, known to many as "Mr. J" (of Mr. J's Barber Shop in Mary Esther) has a bold and unique style, volunteers locally for the OIC program at Elliot Point Elementary, and teaches art at the Senior Citizens Community Center. He also heads the new Urban African American Art League of Fort Walton Beach. The first 10 arrivals at the reception will receive a signed print by Mr. Jenkins.

DEC. 1. ADSO CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH
Enjoy festive activities from 6 to 8 p.m., including an auction of holiday decorations and a potluck dinner provided by ADSO members. For more info, visit **artsdesignsociety.org,** or call 850-244-1271.

ART GALLERIES

ADARO ART features works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year Juan Francisco Adaro, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Now located in the Shops at the Hub, 7000 E. Scenic Highway 30A, Suite 21, Watersound, 561-985-5767. Email adaro.art@gmail.com or visit adaroart.com for more info.

AMUSE ART STUDIO Acrylic paintings, watercolors and gifts. Owner and artist **Linda Barton** has a Master's Degree in Art Education. Open 2-6 p.m. daily except Wednesdays. 1389 N. CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-660-6560 or 250-901-0718. Check out more at **amuseartstudio.com.**



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ARTFUL THINGS Original oils, watercolors and acrylics, as well as prints and note cards by local artists. Art classes, supplies and custom framing available. 1087 John Sims Pkwy., Niceville, 850-729-2600. **www.artfulthings.net.**

ARTISTS AT GULF PLACE Eight great artists, one great location. Art, photography, pottery, jewelry, tie dye, glass art, woodworking, classes, workshops and more. Open seven days a week. 40 Town Center Loop, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-0400. **www.artistsatgulfplace.com**.

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY Features art shows by local and regional artists. Open afternoons Tuesday through Saturday. Shows change monthly. Art classes and workshops in various media. 17 First Street SE, Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-1271. **www.artsdesignsociety.org**.

CHROMA STUDIO & GALLERY features the art of local artist **Kathleen Broaderick.** Browse Kathleen's original oil paintings in the gallery, or take a class in Kathleen's studio. Kathleen offers oil painting workshops featuring her energetic, loose and colorful style, as well as acrylic paint-and-sip-type classes for artists and non-artists alike. The CHROMA Studio & Gallery is a place where guests will feel comfortable expressing themselves and finding the joy in art. CHROMA is located at 3925 West County Highway 30A in Santa Rosa Beach (just west of Goatfeathers restaurant). Visit **www.CHROMA30a.com** or call 1-844-5-CHROMA for more information.

FULL CIRCLE GALLERY AND STUDIO is a contemporary and inspirational art space. We feature the works of regional artists in our gallery and offer an array of art classes with award-winning artists. We also have Paint Your Own Pottery. Come get creative with us! Located at 29B Eglin Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-362-8041. **www.fullcirclefwb.com.**

G & CO. GALLERY (formerly Geana's Art Gallery) Located in City Market, Destin. An exciting art gallery and full service frame and mirror shop offering a large selection of local, regional and international artists ranging from local photography to original fine art. Quality and value is second to none. We ship worldwide. 850-650-0779. **www.GAndCoGallery.com.**

HH ARTS offers works for sale from local artists in all mediums. There are many award-winning artists displayed in oil, acrylic, encaustic, collage, clay, handmade candles, and handmade jewelry designs in glass, leather and Victorian style. Studio space available for artists at reasonable rates. An outdoor area is also available for plein air painting or classes, with lighting and overhead covering. There will be classes offered for children and adults. Located at 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach (three blocks off 98, across from Troy University). Open Tue.-Sat., 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. For more info, call 850-218-2155 and "like" HH Arts on Facebook.

MARY HONG GALLERY Located next to the Shard Shop in the Shops of Grayton. Mary Hong is the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year and has been featured in over 10 publications, as well as on the Golf Channel's *Morning Drive Show* and *Emeril's Florida* TV show. Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at the Shard Shop located adjacent to her gallery. There is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardWorx on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Gallery is open Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays, noon-5 p.m. 26 Logan Lane, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1416. **MaryHongStudio.com.**

MATTIE KELLY ART GALLERIES AT NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE The Arts Center Galleries at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville encompass two galleries showcasing 20 different international, national and regional exhibitions yearly, which are unique to this region. Viewing hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Visit **www.mattiekellyartscenter.org** or call 850-729-6044.

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Franko "Washboard" Jackson and Eileen West at Mr. Jackson's recent art show at 30A Songwriter Music & Coffee in Santa Rosa Beach. "It was a great night for art and a great night for music," the artist says. "Red Rocket, Neil Sebree, Chris Reid, Fritz Froeschner, Nic Turner, Butch Stucker, Bobby and Lisa Steeno, Balder Saunders, me, and more. I sold some art and played music with my friends. I call that a great night!"

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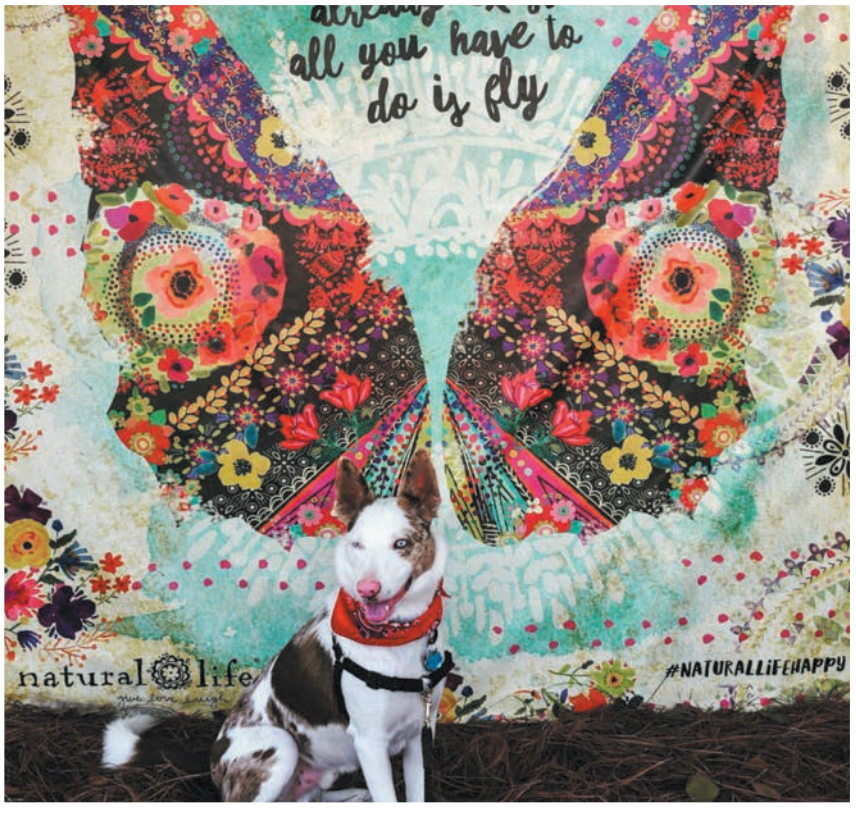

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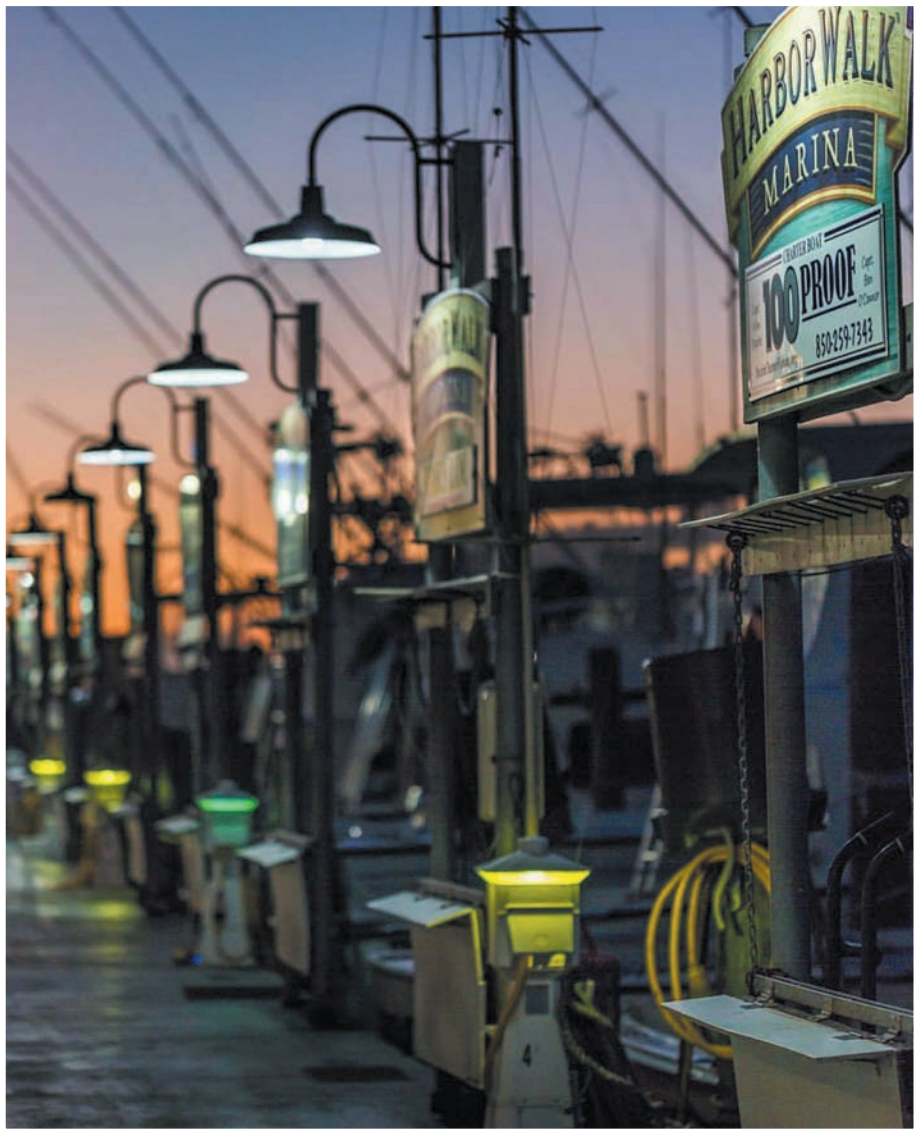

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View from the Destin Harbor, courtesy of our friends at HarborWalk Village.

Schatzi + the String Boffin – Quiet No More

By Nikki Hedrick

Schatzi + the String Boffin stayed quiet for most of 2017. The usually hyper-busy sibling duo **Dannica Lowery and Ben Parsons** put their band on hold, as Lowery had an extended period of medically ordered vocal rest. Parsons still could be found playing around Beachcomberland, including becoming a member of Mose Wilson and the Delta Twang… but what did that mean for Schatzi + the String Boffin?

If you are lucky enough to know Lowery on a personal level, she is quick to smile, honest, and always aims to be the best version of herself. But during the vocal scare, she took to Facebook and let everyone in a bit more. There, she fearlessly shared glimpses of her inner turmoil as she was doing rounds of steroids in hopes that she would be able to perform again.

The good news is she got the "all clear." But in classic Lowery fashion, her first gigs out were far from ordinary.

"There were 1,700 submissions from all over the country," Lowery says of the Nash Next competition that took place in early November. "We went through to the fan voting, and the next round was competing locally. We were in Baytowne (Wharf) representing the Fort Walton Beach division of the Nash Next stations. Then we won that round, and we had to submit for the video round. The Cumulus executives judged it and picked the top 10 in the nation. We were one of the top 10 acts."

With a phone call from Cumulus' New York offices and an all-expenses-paid trip, Schatzi + the String Boffin were off to strut their stuff in front of a Nashville audience at the Wildhorse Saloon.

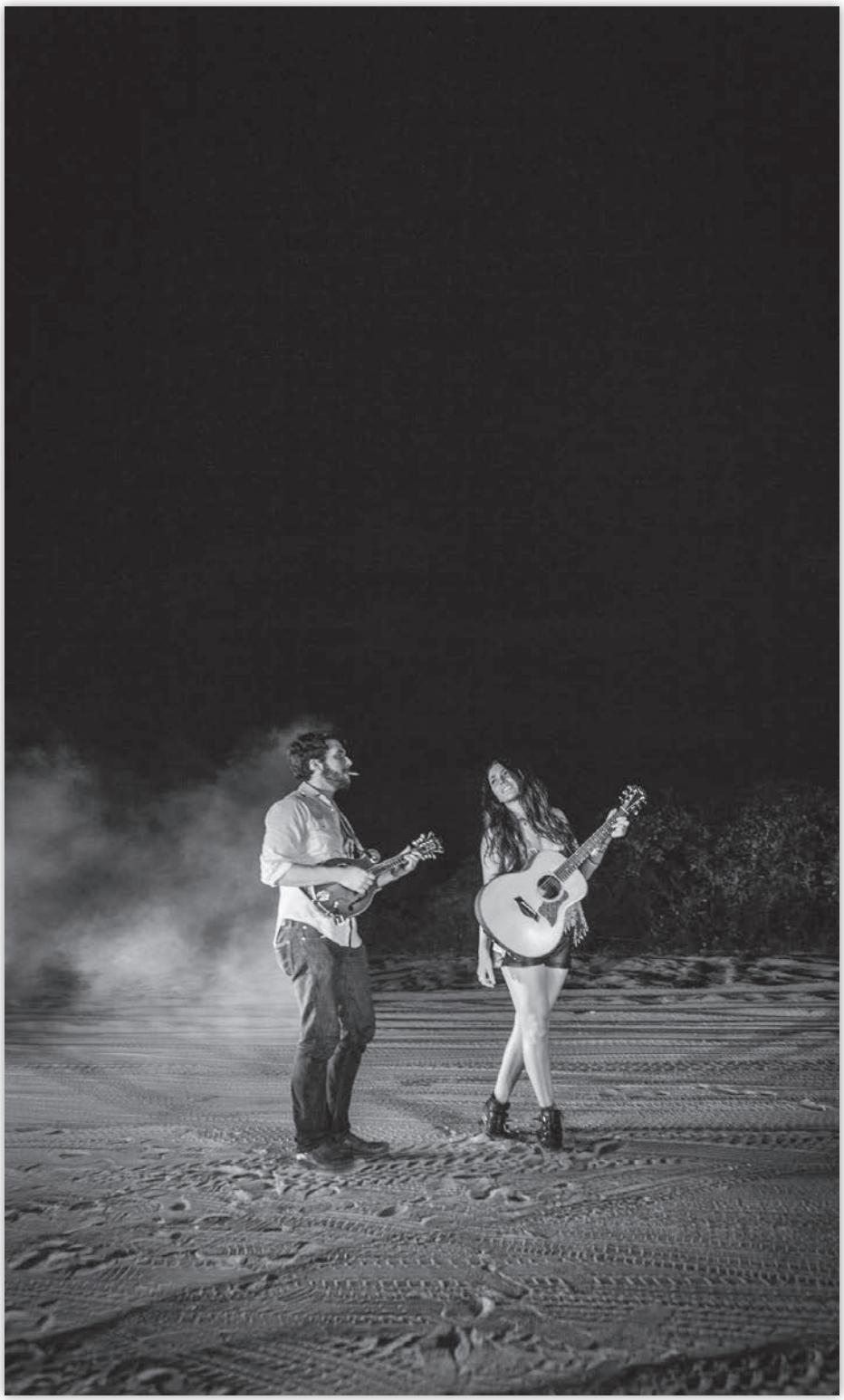
"It was super fun and everyone was really nice. All the other contestants were incredibly nice," says Lowery. "The Wildhorse Saloon is a pretty prestigious place in Nashville. A lot of national acts have performed there. From the live feed, it didn't look like it was a very big production, but if you were actually at the venue, every time they hit a kick-drum, your heart felt like it wanted to bust out of your chest. It was loud and booming."

All contestants got the star treatment—green rooms, limos, catering—but it was one of the event guests that put a chip in Lowery's composure. "Kix Brooks of Brooks & Dunn happens to be one of the first concerts I ever went to," she says. "It was Brooks & Dunn and Reba McEntire at the Pensacola Civic Center. I was seven and awestruck. It was incredible.

"My emotions and anxiety were already running high. I had already said in a previous interview with Nash Next what my first concert was. So when he showed up, they were like, 'Let's get this great photo opportunity to introduce Dannica to Kix Brooks.' Well, I just…at the moment burst at the seams. Everyone was snapping pictures, and I'm ugly-crying and trying to recompose.

"Then I unloaded my entire life story onto this poor man. But once I got that cry out of the way, I was fine. I think it was just the pinnacle of all my anxiety at the moment. I just couldn't hold it in."

The dynamic sibling duo had a pleasant surprise when many of their friends and fellow musicians attended to root them on. "I didn't expect that," says Lowery. "People made a big deal about it, which is great because it is a big deal to us. But I didn't think that everyone would jump on the bandwagon to support us like they did. It was wonderful and meant a lot, and it made us more comfortable to have people there that we knew."



Lowery admits she had some battles with confidence to get back into singing—was she ready? "I think this was that point where it's like, yeah, I think I am. If I can come straight out of vocal rest in May, submit to a contest and then make it into the top 10 of the nation, I think I am ready to jump back into the music scene. It's been a swift kick in the rear not to lose this momentum. I think we're really going to dive headfirst back into it."

For now, that means a focus on resuming local gigs, changing up their setlist, and writing new material. "Especially right now in the offseason, I think we are going to use this as our creative time," says Lowery. "I can't speak for my brother, but we are working towards rehearsing more and working on our social media more. But who knows? We made some really good contacts with the event, so we'll see where those take us."

Instead of slowing down during the period of vocal rest, Lowery tapped into other creative outlets. From teaching several varieties of yoga and painting, and opening the Etsy shop for Wild Woman's Medicine Cabinet, she has remained busy as ever.

She is currently working with local vocal coach Alissa Steffens to maintain proper care of her vocal cords. "The best of the best have coaches, so why wouldn't I have a coach?" says Lowery. "She has stretched my range from two octaves to nearly four—it's crazy. The timbre of my voice is so much more rich, I can't believe it has taken me this long to actually work with someone."

Even though Schatzi + the String Boffin didn't walk away with the grand prize at Nash Next, Lowery views the competition as a success. "We can look back on that performance and feel like we slayed. We rocked it. We put on a great show, and watching the playback of the live feed—and I am my own worst critic—even after that, I still feel like we sounded great. The vocal nodules were just a roadblock that I've bounced back from."

Cheers to that, Dannica.

Discover more at **SNTSB.com.**

Catching Up...Wayne Hall

By Alita Feek

On a recent Friday night, my husband Allan and I went to Props Brewery in downtown Fort Walton Beach hoping for some good food and some good music. We found both. Local singer-songwriter **Wayne Hall** was on deck as promised. Hall settled into his corner at the front of Props around 7, and for approximately the next two hours, he had the room.

Armed with his guitar and an easy, comforting voice, Hall was the perfect antidote to a 40-hour week. The set consisted mostly of Hall's own creations sprinkled with a few covers. His music was pitched well to the audience. The selections were easy to listen to, and they asked little from the crowd. Mostly, they asked folks to just sit back and enjoy.

Hall's career has been an interesting one. Technically, his music is catalogued under "alternative rock," and so far he has released two full-length albums, the last one in 2010. He's hard at work on the third and hopes to get it out by the end of the year, saying, "It's definitely a change in style. I've grown a lot in my writing and want to show people a different side." He cut his teeth on '90s alternative and grunge, citing Soundgarden as "an immense influence on me. They were a huge part of my musical journey."

A key part of his journey is the fact that, due to a childhood firearm accident, Hall has been in a wheelchair since the age of 11. After that, music became his outlet, turning into a lifelong passion. Music helped a teenage Hall to cope with the aftermath of the accident, and now music is helping an adult Hall to reach his goal of walking.

Why? Because he is currently raising money for a special exoskeleton that will help him walk. He has about half of the $40,000 he needs. A quick Google search shows that much of the fundraising has been via music benefits at local restaurants and other venues. According to Hall, "This whole thing kicked off April of last year. Our community is just incredible."

Exactly how incredible is evident with each passing day. For example, Hall graduated from the University of Central Florida with a major in communications and a minor in sociology. He says, "I've always been fascinated with people and why they do certain things." But his studies didn't prepare him for things like the truck incident.

Hall recounts the story to me in a tone of awe. "I went to get an oil change the other day in my truck. The guy came up to me and was like, 'Are you Wayne Hall? I heard you're trying to get an exoskeleton.' I said, 'Yeah, man.' He just reached out and handed me money and says, 'Just put this in the fund.' We didn't even exchange names. Stuff like that just makes me so grateful I'm a part of this community."

Wayne Hall loves to write and perform music. He lives to "remind people that we really are the same, that we're all in this together." From formal benefits to random oil change guys, the ongoing support of the Fort Walton Beach community proves that we couldn't agree more.

Learn more at **WayneHallWalksFund.com.**

WHAT THE COOL KIDS ARE LISTENING TO

JAMAL STEELE
MC and Writer
Please indulge yourself in Marcel P. Black's new EP *Seven*. This new black empowerment movement needs some theme music, and the Baton Rouge God MC delivers with a soundtrack of Trump criticism, bars of black excellence, and rhymes galore.

MICHAEL JORDAN
Guitarist, The Funeral Portrait
I've been into this band called Creeper out of England. They are super catchy, with a punk-dark vibe that's been missing in the rock scene. They bring elements of Alkaline Trio meets My Chemical Romance meets Ghost. Their song "Black Rain" has one of the best choruses I've heard in a long time.

CHELSEA ALAYNE
Q92 Radio
Camila Cabello featuring Young Thug, "Havana." From her first solo album after leaving Fifth Harmony. Makes you wanna dance.

Magic Giant, "Window." Awesome alt-rock band and another tune that makes you want to shake your booty.

Ed Sheeran, "Perfect." He can do no wrong.

Anderson.Paak, "Come Down." This guy has got the old school funk and groove on lock. His album *Malibu* was the best thing to come out in 2016.

AJR Brothers, "Sober." These boys recorded their album in their Brooklyn bedroom, and it's awesome.

Local pick—"OG Jelly" by the Graytones. Bringing back the jam, man!

This Thanksgiving, donate pet food to your local animal shelter!

Music > The FWB Vintage Records Album Roundup

Musicians - send your CDs, vinyl and/or cassettes to Beachcomber, P.O. Box 5707, Destin, FL 32540-5707. Email MP3s and streaming links to **chris@beachcomberdestin.com**.

Julien Baker

Turn Out the Lights

Matador

Baker is a 22-year-old singer-songwriter from Memphis who captures the stories of our innermost anxieties on one of the most devastatingly stunning albums of the year. On *Turn Out the Lights*, Baker is grappling with her demons and learning how to cling to her beliefs in order to stay alive through dire hopelessness. Baker's candid realizations—coupled with haunting, sparse guitar and drums—create a gentle landscape for her to unmask her anxieties in an act of pure catharsis. Her stripped down honesty and cutting vulnerability is rare and welcomed.

- Jane Morgan

Camille & Julie Berthollet

#3

Warner Classics

Camille (18 years old) and Julie (20 years old) Berthollet are French sisters who play violin, viola and cello. *#3* is the third release from these overachievers. The cover pictures one holding her viola like a best pal, the other hoisting her fiddle like a gunslinger taking aim. The duo (with side musicians including "Ensemble Appassionato") hits all 16 tracks running. They joyously attack every piece on their play list, which includes Brahms, J.S. Bach, Dvorak, Paganini, Schubert, Rachmaninoff, and others. Sometimes they play it straight, other times they jazz it up with improv and quotes from other tunes. Exhilarating.

- Bruce Collier

Brooklyn Rider

Spontaneous Symbols

In a Circle Records

Brooklyn Rider (two violins, viola, and cello) is a string quartet that's been around 12 years. They've racked up impressive credentials here and overseas, recording with banjo wizard Bela Fleck *and* opera star Anne Sofie von Otter. *Spontaneous Symbols* offers eight tracks. All are originals, one written by Brooklyn Rider's Colin Jacobsen, the rest by other contemporary composers. There's some challenging stuff, but nowhere does the foursome jump the tracks into "we're playing like this to make you feel stupid" territory. You can almost imagine four guys in 18th century Vienna jamming this way, once Haydn has left the building.

- Bruce Collier

Iiro Rantala & Ulf Wakenius

Good Stuff

ACT

The cover of pianist Iiro Rantala and guitarist Ulf Wakenius's album *Good Stuff* depicts what looks like Mickey Mouse crushed under a Technicolor casket. If that—and the fact that these guys are both Scandinavian—makes you expect a depressing glass of sour aquavit, you're mistaken. Jazz from the Norsemen always surprises. *Good Stuff* is almost Christmassy in its good spirits. The 12 tracks reference and laud great cities—Berlin, Vienna, Helsinki, Milan, etc. Want to hear a lyrics-free cover of "What a Wonderful World"? Step right up. Stevie Wonder surely must love the duo's "Sir Duke."

- Bruce Collier

Sam Smith

The Thrill of It All

Capitol Records

Up until a few weeks ago, the only thing I knew about Sam Smith is that he had agreed to pay Tom Petty some major bucks after ripping off "I Won't Back Down." Then I heard "Too Good at Goodbyes" and realized Smith isn't just another run-of-the-mill pop star. Dude has real talent and is totally legit—a bona fide musician. On the new album, Smith's voice flawlessly climbs from deep and robust one minute to classic boy-band high pitch the next. He's backed up by a lot of traditional instruments, with frequent infusions of piano as well as ample, good old-fashioned finger snapping. Though it's probably not going to find its way onto any headbanger or metal maniac's playlist, *The Thrill of It All* is an exceptionally good album for musical genre benders and pop-adult contemporary fans.

- Joni Williams

Jessie Ware

Glasshouse

Island Records

The third album from British singer-songwriter Ware feels like a love letter. Ware made *Glasshouse* in the overwhelming time surrounding the birth of her daughter, and the album explores the intensity of settling in and starting a family. Each love song on the record takes on its own style, telling a different emotional story. In her soulful, swaying pop, Ware finds the joy in a love so true that she continues to yearn for it, wanting the intimacy of her life with her husband and daughter to grow so big it becomes a world of their own. And on *Glasshouse*, it does.

- Jane Morgan

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Live Music

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THURSDAY, NOV. 16

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
CHRIS HAYES, 5-9 p.m.

BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 7 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
I'MAGENE, 7 p.m.
The rebranding of Continuum.

GRAYTON BEER, Santa Rosa Beach
GARY VAN BROCKLIN, 5 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 4-7 p.m.

GULF PLACE, Santa Rosa Beach
CASEY KEARNEY, 5 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 5-9 p.m.

LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 p.m.
Ladies Night

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN' JACK, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach
BOB CUSHING, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 17

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.

ARNETT'S GULFSIDE FARM & STABLES, Santa Rosa Beach
CHAS SANDFORD – KEN JOHNSON & ANDI ZACK-JOHNSON, 7 p.m.
Hit Songwriter House Concerts on 30A. Tickets are $10 (general admission) and $25 (VIP preferred seating). Doors open at 6:30.

THE BOATHOUSE LANDING, Valparaiso
ROB ROMANS, 6 p.m.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CADILLAC WILLY

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
THE BELVEDERE 1000, 9 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
SHANK, 4-7 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
JIM COUCH, 5-9 p.m.
MODERATE CHOP, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
MICHAEL McCALL, 5 p.m.

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
MAX McCANN BAND, 6:30 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
TK BARDWELL, 6-9 p.m.

STRIPES, Navarre
BOB CUSHING, 6 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Friday Night Originals, 7 p.m.

WORLD OF BEER, Destin
HERITAGE, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 18

BUSTER'S BEER AND BAIT, Panama City Beach
BOB CUSHING, 6 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
THE QUICKENING, 9 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
DAN HALL, 4-7 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
BROKEN DOWN CAR, 5 p.m.

THE OTHER END, Destin
ROB ROMANS, 6 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
BLUE LEW, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m. (Sandollar Lounge)

SUNDAY, NOV. 19

AJ'S, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BRANDON DAY, 3-7 p.m.

BOSHAMPS, Destin
I'MAGENE, 3 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon

DESTIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH, Destin
THE THOMPSONS, 10 a.m.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 a.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 7 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
FORT DEFIANCE, 9 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 3-6 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
COLE JORDAN, 7-11 p.m.

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach
HERITAGE, 4 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
CADILLAC ATTACK, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin
BOB CUSHING, 11 a.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
BILL GARRETT, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 a.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH, Destin
JEREMY CAMP – ROYCE LOVETT, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 20

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
ROSHAMBO, 9 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
JASON FINDLEY, 5-9 p.m.
Cat Shirt Monday

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
BRANDON COLEMAN & DREW NIX from RED CLAY STRAYS, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 p.m.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
JOHN HOORMANN, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

TUESDAY, NOV. 21

THE BAY, Santa Rosa Beach
HERITAGE, 6 p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 p.m.

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

LA PAZ, Destin
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 p.m.
Taco Tuesday

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
LEE YANKIE, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
BO ADAMS, 6-9 p.m.
Taco Tuesday

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach
Bad Kitty Karaoke with CHRISTINE, 8-11 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 p.m.

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
NIC TURNER & FRIENDS, 4-7 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 5-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
ADAM HOLT, 5 p.m.

Live Music

OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach
EMERALD GOLD, 7 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
Singer-Songwriter Open Mic, 7-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
NEIL SEBREE, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.

30AVENUE, Inlet Beach
THE MOON LAGOONS – IN BUSINESS, Noon-7 p.m.
Packet pickup party for the 30A 10K, with face painting, balloon artist **Miss Rosemary,** *Epic Photo Co., and more.*

WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m. (Sandollar Lounge)

THURSDAY, NOV. 23

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
MELISSA JOINER, 5-9 p.m.
RHINO JOCKIES, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 24

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.

ARNETT'S GULFSIDE FARM & STABLES, Santa Rosa Beach
Zydeco Legend ROCKIN DOPSIE JR – BOUKOU GROOVE, 7 p.m.
Tickets are $10 (general admission) and $25 (VIP preferred seating). Doors open at 6:30.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 7-10 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
HERITAGE, 10 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
BRUCE SALMON, 4-7 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
JIM COUCH, 5-9 p.m.
THE MOON LAGOONS, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
THREE BEAN SOUP, 5 p.m.

MODICA MARKET, Seaside
THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
TK BARDWELL, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Friday Night Originals, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 25

BEACH CASTLE BURGER, Mary Esther
ZEN MOUNTAIN POETS, 8 p.m.

THE CRAFT BAR 30A, Grayton Beach
MELISSA JOINER, 2 p.m.

DOC'S OYSTER BAR, Valparaiso
RONNIE PRESLEY, 7 p.m.

DUCK DUCK, Destin
DJ/VJ DOC ROC, 10 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
MOSE WILSON & THE DELTA TWANG, 9 p.m.

GRAYTON BEER, Santa Rosa Beach
BRUCE SALMON, 3 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
MAX McCANN, 4-7 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
BROKEN DOWN CAR, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
BLUE LEW, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m. (Sandollar Lounge)

SUNDAY, NOV. 26

AJ'S, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BRANDON DAY, 3-7 p.m.

THE BOATHOUSE LANDING, Valparaiso
ROB ROMANS, 4 p.m.

BOSHAMPS, Destin
I'MAGENE, 3 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHURCH, Miramar Beach
DONNIE SUNDAL – FLY DENTS – PHIL CALHOUN – DUKE BARDWELL – SHANNON WALLACE, et al., 11 a.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
Jazz Jam with MATT McCARTY, 7 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
SCOTT ROCKWOOD & SHAWN HARTUNG, 3-6 p.m.

UPCOMING MUSIC RELEASES

NOV. 17

Barenaked Ladies, ***Fake Nudes***

John Coltrane, ***Chasing Trane: The John Coltrane Documentary.*** DVD/Blu-ray.

The Doors, ***Strange Days (50th Anniversary Edition).*** Also on vinyl.

Ronnie Earl & the Broadcasters, ***The Luckiest Man***

Godflesh, ***Post Self***

Green Day, ***Greatest Hits: God's Favorite Band***

Euge Groove, ***Groove On!***

Sharon Jones & the Dap-Kings, ***Radio Silence.*** Also on vinyl.

Iron Maiden, ***The Book of Souls: Live Chapter.*** Also on vinyl.

Morrissey, ***Low in High School.*** Also on vinyl.

Chase Rice, ***Lambs & Lions***

Bob Seger, ***I Knew You When.*** Also on vinyl.

Jules Shear, ***One More Crooked Dance***

Sia, ***Everyday Is Christmas***

Mavis Staples, ***If All I Was Was Black.*** Also on vinyl.

Bloodshot Records' 13 Days of Xmas. Vinyl.

Saturday Night Fever (Super Deluxe Edition). Also on Blu-ray and vinyl.

A Tribute to Dan Fogelberg. Featuring Eagles, Boz Scaggs, Donna Summer and more.

NOV. 24

Bjork, ***Utopia.*** Also on vinyl.

Clap Your Hands Say Yeah, ***Some Loud Thunder (10th Anniversary Edition).*** Also on vinyl.

Eagles, ***Hotel California (40th Anniversary Expanded Edition)***

Electric Light Orchestra, ***Out of the Blue (40th Anniversary Edition).*** Vinyl.

Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds, ***Who Built the Moon?*** Also on vinyl.

Englebert Humperdinck, ***The Man I Want to Be***

Wilson Pickett, ***The Complete Atlantic Albums Collection***

Ramones, ***Rocket to Russia (40th Anniversary Deluxe Edition)***

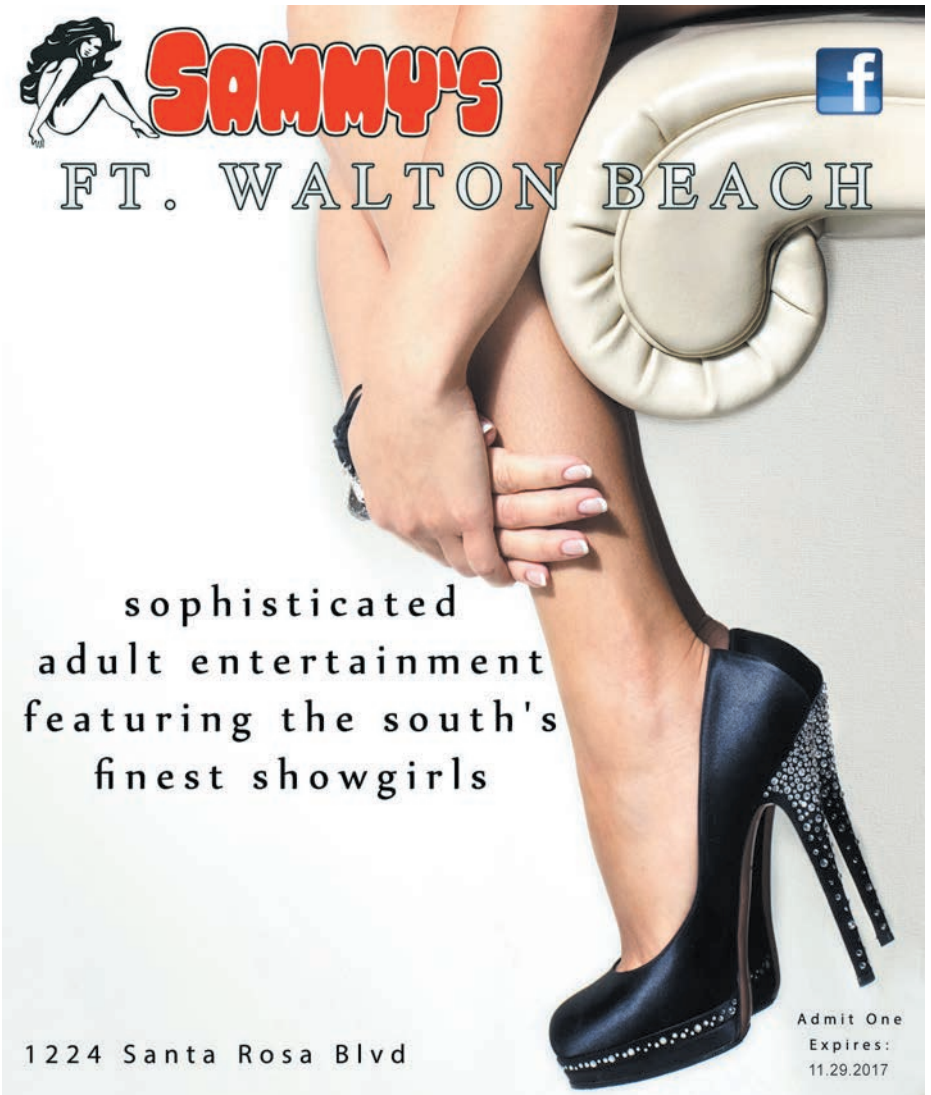
Scorpions, ***Born to Touch Your Feelings: Best of Rock Ballads.*** Also on vinyl.

Sofia Talvik, ***When Winter Comes – A Christmas Album***

"Weird Al" Yankovic, ***Squeeze Box: The Complete Works of "Weird Al" Yankovic.*** Also on vinyl.

Yes, ***Topographic Drama – Live Across America.*** Also on vinyl.

Sources: pauseandplay.com, allmusic.com, metacritic.com



Live Music Review

Living Colour, Derek Day and Kickstand Jenny

Club LA, Destin

Living Colour's Doug Wimbish.

Photo by Nikki Hedrick.

Magic. Sometimes, there is no better word than that.

There is always a question when you see someone you've loved forever in concert for the first time. Will they hold up to lofty expectations? Living Colour managed to exceed them without flinching.

The night opened up with Beachcomber Music Award winners Kickstand Jenny delighting the crowd with a mix of covers and originals. The crowd even began to sing along with one of their originals without prompting, always a benchmark bands hope for.

Next up was Derek Day, the touring opener that seemed to practice his own flavor of magic and hypnotize the audience with his blues-soaked take on rock music.

What can one really say about seeing Living Colour live, other than you just have to do it? They are artists crammed full of talent and joy. Corey Glover's voice in person was more powerful than any recording has been able to capture. Living Colour is magic.

Special thanks to bassist Doug Wimbish for the kind words about the article and interview in the last issue of *Beachcomber.*

- Nikki Hedrick

Live Music

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
COLE JORDAN, 7-11 p.m.

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4 p.m.
Sunday Funday

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
JUSTIN YAWN, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin
BOB CUSHING, 11 a.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
BILL GARRETT, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 a.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
CHRIS HAYES, 8 p.m.-Midnight

MONDAY, NOV. 27

THE GATHERING SPOT AT WATERCOLOR, Santa Rosa Beach
KYLE LaMONICA, 6 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
ROSHAMBO, 9 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
JASON FINDLEY, 5-9 p.m.
Cat Shirt Monday

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
GRITS 'N PIECES, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 p.m.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
JOHN HOORMANN, 6-9 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 28

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 6-9 p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
BLAKE GRIFFITHS, 3-5 p.m.

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

LA PAZ, Destin
SHANE CURLE, 6-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
RONNIE PRESLEY, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER, 6:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
BO ADAMS, 6-9 p.m.
Taco Tuesday

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach
Bad Kitty Karaoke with CHRISTINE, 8-11 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

BLUE MOON LOUNGE, Milton
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin, CamillesAtCrystalBeach.com
TOM DeVOURSNEY, 3-5 p.m.

EDWARDS FINE FOOD & WINE, Rosemary Beach
JIM COUCH & IKE BARTLEY, 6-10 p.m.

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
NIC TURNER & FRIENDS, 4-7 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 5-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
WILL & LINDA, 5 p.m.

OCEAN CLUB, Miramar Beach
EMERALD GOLD, 7 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach, ReddsFuel.com
Singer-Songwriter Open Mic, 7-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

STINKY'S BAIT SHACK, Santa Rosa Beach
NEIL SEBREE, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
JOHN HOORMANN, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.

WHITE SANDS BOWLING CENTER, Fort Walton Beach
BOBBYD, 7-10 p.m. (Sandollar Lounge)

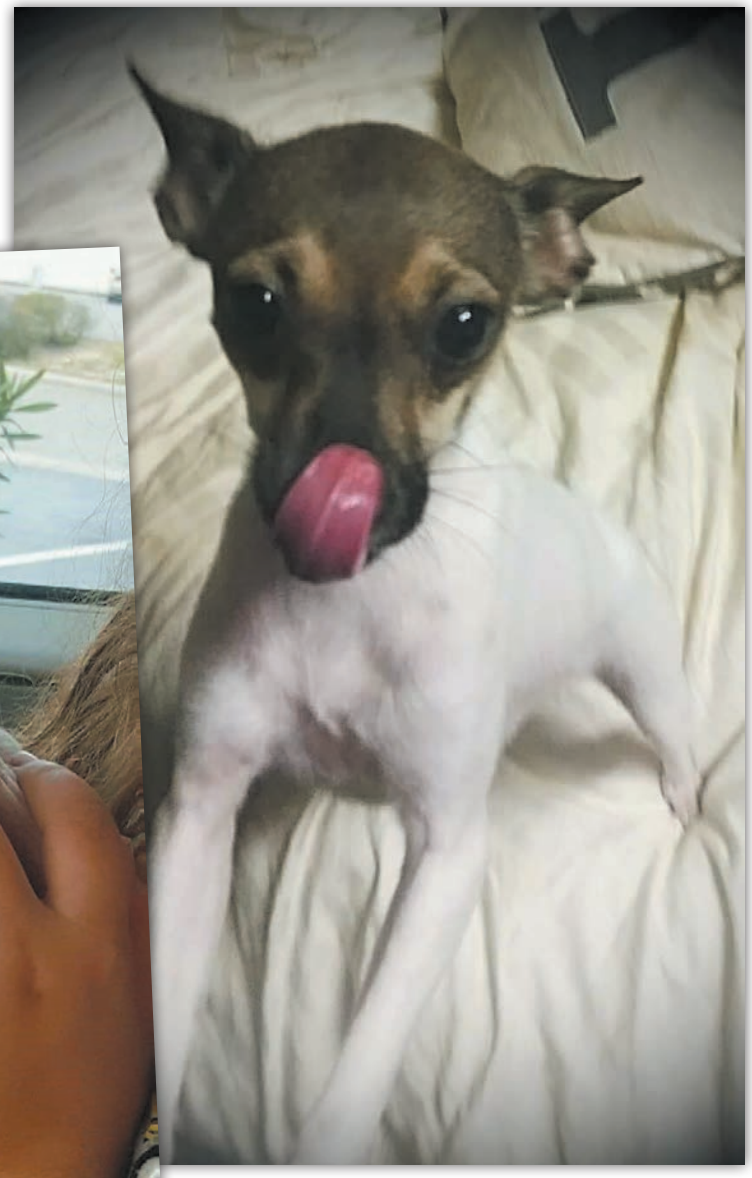
THE AIMEE'S ANIMAL MAGNETISM
PET OF THE ISSUE
Pearl

Submitted by Destinee Hodges

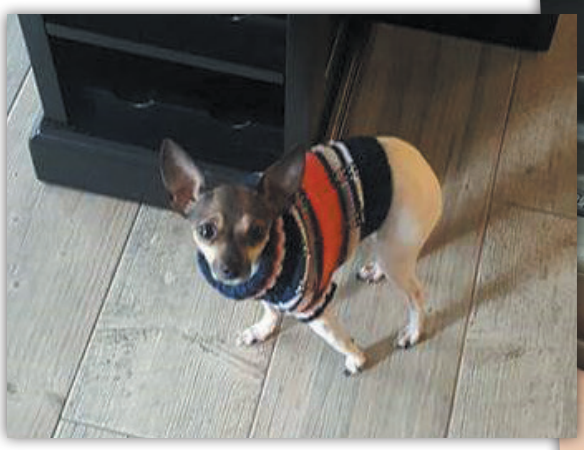
When Editor Manson served as a judge at the recent Blues, Brews & BBQ at HarborWalk Village, he was inundated with requests from his fellow tasters to have their four-leggers featured in the Pet of the Issue. Here's the first of them.

ABOVE: Pearl shows her brother Gunner (who weighs in at 110 pounds) who's boss.

BELOW: More fun facts—Pearl is a foodie, hates having her nails trimmed, and loves violating personal space.



ABOVE: Pearl is two-and-a-half-year-old Tiny Tot Rat Terrier, and "she is 3.2 pounds of fury," says Destinee. "She professionally destroys toys in record time."



ABOVE: Don't let that sweater fool you. Pearl hates that sweater and its Auburn colors because she's a true blue Georgia Bulldogs fan.

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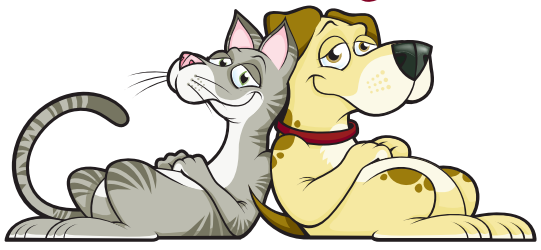

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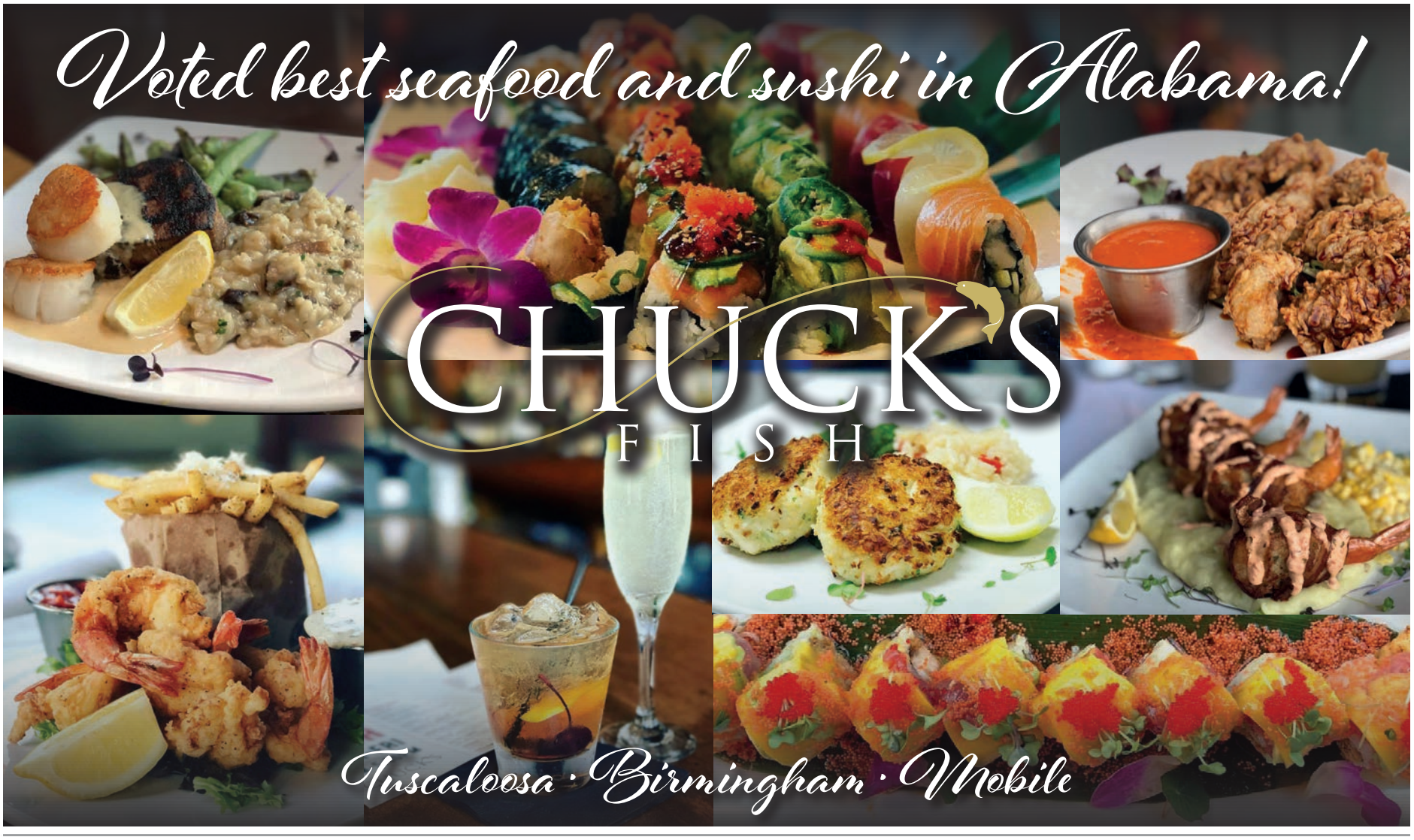
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Get Your Baytowne Bubbly on Nov. 18

Sandestin Wine Festival event officials announce special ticket pricing for the fifth annual ***Sparkling Wine & Holiday Lights*** event scheduled for Saturday, **Nov. 18,** from 4 to 6 p.m., and ***The 32nd Annual Sandestin Wine Festival,*** set for April 2018.

Sparkling Wine & Holiday Lights is the official prelude to the Sandestin Wine Festival. Highlighting 30 types of champagne and sparkling wine paired with delicious appetizers at featured Village of Baytowne Wharf restaurants. Tickets are available for special pre-sale purchases for $40 per person, and include a commemorative glass.

Event organizers also announced special early ticket pricing for the longest-running wine event in Northwest Florida with savings of more than 30 percent. The 32nd Annual Sandestin Wine Festival is set for **April 12-15, 2018.** For the first 150 ticket purchasers, the Friday evening tasting on April 13 is being offered for only $50.

The special price for the Grand Wine Tasting on Saturday, April 14, is only $65, reflecting a savings of more than 30 percent. Guests can also purchase two-day passes for $110.

These advance discounted tickets are available at **SandestinWineFestival.com**. Historically, the festival's tasting events have sold out, so people are encouraged to purchase tickets early.

"This exclusive sale is a way to show our appreciation to the countless guests that return to the festival year after year," says **Julie Stuckey,** events manager. "They are loyal to us and have seen the event blossom into one of the finest wine events in the southeast. Our patrons are truly part of the tradition that make the annual Sandestin Wine Festival so special."

- Brooke Scholl

All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/websites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your Nov. 30- Dec. 13 events by 5 p.m. Thursday, **Nov. 23,** *or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email* **chris@beachcomberdestin.com**.

THURSDAY, NOV. 16-SATURDAY, FEB. 3, 2018

BAYTOWNE ON ICE
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin
BaytowneWharf.com
Dust off your skates, get in the winter spirit, and head on out to Baytowne's wildly popular ice rink.

THURSDAY, NOV. 16

A NIGHT WITH DRIFTWOOD GUITARS
30A Songwriter Music & Coffee, Santa Rosa Beach, 7-9 p.m.
Join Beachcomber Music Award winner (among other things) **Chris Alvarado** for a Q&A about acoustic guitar construction. He'll also be performing songs on several Driftwood creations throughout the evening. FREE, but bring some cash for coffee, food and cold brew.

FRIDAY, NOV. 17

"PUTTIN ON THE RITZ"
Emerald Coast Harley-Davidson, Fort Walton Beach, 6-9 p.m.
A Roaring '20s-themed party, with a "living red carpet," live jazz music, complimentary apps and bubbly served by aerial artists. Plus—beer, wine, specialty spirits from Timber Creek Distillery, cigars.

SATURDAY, NOV. 18

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SATURDAYS
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 11 a.m.
EmeraldGrande.com
Get your football on with great food and drink specials from your favorite HarborWalk spots.

PIONEER DAY
Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park, Niceville, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
850-833-9144
Once again, the **Friends of Emerald Coast State Parks** present the family-oriented event enjoyed by children and adults. Activities include making rag dolls, dipping candles, churning butter, learning pioneer survival skills, and much more. Plus—demonstrations, archaeological and historical display, storytelling, and food available for purchase. Admission to the park is $5 per car (up to eight people, no pets, please). Located at 4281 SR-20. Rain day is Sunday, **Nov. 19,** noon-3 p.m.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET
Seaside, 8 a.m.
www.SeasideFL.com

MONDAY, NOV. 20

CASILLERO DEL DIABLO WINE AND FOOD TASTING
Twisted Grape Cafe & Wine Bar, Shalimar, 6-8 p.m.
Tickets are $15 and include a pairing buffet and a $5 off a bottle coupon. The local rep for the Chilean wine will be on hand to answer questions.

TAI CHI
Destin Library, 9 a.m.
taichiforarthritis.com
One-hour class with certified instructor **Barbara Rezmer.** Cost is $5 per session with enrollment limited to 12. Call 850-837-8572 for more info.

Santa Rosa Golf & Beach Club—named Best Golf Facility by Visit South Walton—welcomes Rebecca Lively as the new member relations coordinator. Ms. Lively will be responsible for member retention efforts, including social events, communication, marketing, and the continued development and initiatives for the club and its entities. She is a third-generation Destin native and Florida State University graduate.

Photo submitted by Sarah Brazwell.

Events

TUESDAY, NOV. 21

KIDS YOGA FOR ALL AGES
Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
850-267-2809
Join **Galina Wells** for a fun yoga class. FREE—no registration required.

NOVEMBER BOOK CLUB
Emerald Coast Science Center, Fort Walton Beach, 6-7:30 p.m.
Drinks, light snacks, and a discussion of Deborah Blum's *The Poisoner's Handbook.*

WINTER BREWFEST 2017
O'Riley's Irish Pub, Pensacola, 7-10 p.m.
Admission is $20, and you'll have access to a dozen great beers from **Founders Brewing Co., Blue Point Brewery,** and more.

TUESDAY, NOV. 21-MONDAY, DEC. 25

FESTIVAL OF TREES
Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, Miramar Beach
On **Nov. 21,** from 4 to 6 p.m., 12 Beachcomberland nonprofits compete to win cash prizes totaling $7,000, including Best of Show and People's Choice. The People's Choice winner will be voted on and announced along with Best of Show, and second and third place winners at the kickoff.

For the People's Choice Award, attendees can vote for their favorite tree at Grand Park, and the tree with the most votes will win. This event is a great way for local charities to earn some extra money during the holiday season. The trees will remain on display in Grand Park through Christmas Day for the public to enjoy.

This year's Festival of Trees participating organizations are **Boys & Girls Clubs of the Emerald Coast, Children's Volunteer Health Network, Inc., Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center, Emerald Coast Theatre Company, Fisher House of the Emerald Coast, Friends of South Walton Sea Turtles, HEART Animal Rescue, Shelter House, The ARC of the Emerald Coast, Children in Crisis, The ARC of Walton County** and **The Sonder Project.**

Last year, HEART Animal Rescue won Best of Show and People's Choice and took home $4,500. ECTC took second place and $1,500, and the $1,000 third place prize was split between ARCEC and Sea Turtles.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22

PIE & PRAISE SOCIAL
Church of Christ at Fort Walton Beach, 7:30 p.m.
Bring a pie to share with others in the spirit of fellowship and Thanksgiving.

THURSDAY, NOV. 23

EMERALD COAST BAR POKER
The Tipsy Pig, Fort Walton Beach, 9 p.m.
If you ever wanted to learn how to play poker, this is the place to be. Play Texas Hold'Em for FREE.

GRANDE VISTA THANKSGIVING
Grande Vista Bar and Grill, HarborWalk Village, Starts at 11 a.m.
EmeraldGrande.com
Savor the family moments and let Grande Vista do the cooking. Enjoy a four-course dinner for $29.95 ($14.95 for kids 8 and under). Call 850-424-0621 for reservations.

FRIDAY, NOV. 24

FRIDAY WINE TASTING AND DINNER
Juana's Pagodas and Sailors' Grill, Navarre Beach, 6-9 p.m.
Great eats, fine wines, and rocking good times.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
Gulf Place, Santa Rosa Beach, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
GulfPlaceFL.com
Enjoy arts and crafts, refreshments, and live music by **Jay and the Blujays** from 2 to 4 p.m. Plus—holiday ornaments, jewelry, personalized starfish and more great gift ideas.

SATURDAY, NOV. 25

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SATURDAYS
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 11 a.m.
EmeraldGrande.com
Get your football on with great food and drink specials from your favorite HarborWalk spots.

HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 6-9 p.m.
BaytowneWharf.com
Cheer Mr. Claus on as he makes his way to the Village and lights the tree. Enjoy face painting, kids' crafts, and fireworks at 8 p.m.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
Gulf Place, Santa Rosa Beach, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
GulfPlaceFL.com
Enjoy arts and crafts, refreshments, and live music by **Sammy Jackson** starting at 1 p.m. Santa Claus stops by from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and friend of *Beachcomber* **John Hollan** will take photos for $5 cheap.

SANTA'S ARRIVAL AT HARBORWALK
HarborWalk Village, Destin, Noon-4 p.m.
EmeraldGrande.com
The official kickoff to the holiday season, with FREE activities for the kids.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET
Seaside, 8 a.m.
www.SeasideFL.com

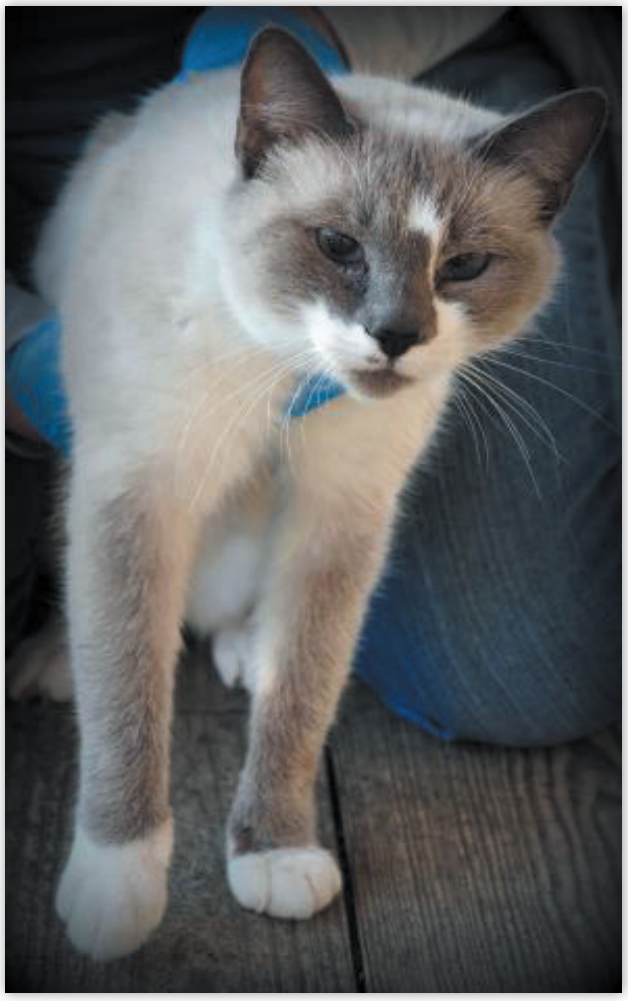
SUNDAY, NOV. 26

VISIT WITH SANTA
HarborWalk Village, Destin, Noon-4 p.m.
EmeraldGrande.com
Kids, bring your wish lists and visit with The Claus. All of Santa's guests receive a special treat.

MONDAY, NOV. 27

TAI CHI
Destin Library, 9 a.m.
taichiforarthritis.com
One-hour class with certified instructor **Barbara Rezmer.** Cost is $5 per session with enrollment limited to 12. Call 850-837-8572 for more info.

WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE CLASSES
Ares Martial Arts Academy, DeFuniak Springs, 7 p.m.
Striking, kicking, ground survival and more. Cost is $10 per person. Dress comfortable and bring water.



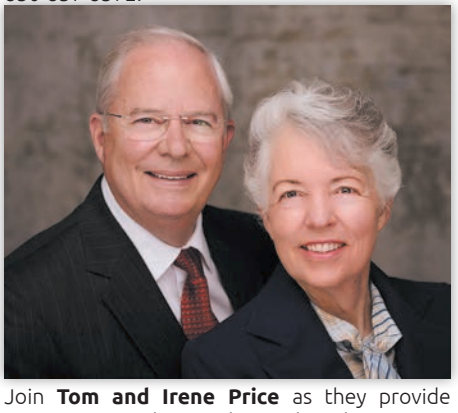
#BeachcomberLovesDogs… Millie the dog and Fondue the cat, two recent Alaqua Animal Refuge Pets of the Week. Meet your new best friend every Friday at beachcomberdestin.com.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29

FOURTH ANNUAL ALAQUA WREATH AUCTION
Old Florida Fish House, Seagrove Beach, 6:30 p.m.
850-534-3045
Beautiful wreaths—some packed with bonus items and gift certificates—for the highest bidders, in support of **Alaqua Animal Refuge.** Friend of *Beachcomber* **Helen "Redd" Vizard** will serve as auctioneer, so you know this is going to be fun. Area businesses and artists interested in decorating a wreath should call Jill at the number above or email Mary Chris Murry from Alaqua at **mmurry@alaqua.org.**

THURSDAY, NOV. 30

FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP
Destin Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
850-837-8572.



Join **Tom and Irene Price** as they provide training using the FamilySearch website. FREE and open to anyone with a valid library card from any Okaloosa County Public Library. Limited to 18 participants. Call the number above to register.

Beachside Worship Services

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL CHURCH UECNA 1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 a.m. Sundays, communion service second and fourth Sundays, morning prayer, first and third Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND LIFE CENTER Sunday services—beach service at Henderson State Park, Destin, 7:30 a.m. (bring your own chair); beach service on the Destin Harbor at Brotula's, 9:30 a.m. (bring your own chair); XALT at Destin Life Center, 200 Beach Drive, Destin, 9:30 a.m., Traditions at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary; sunset beach service at Henderson State Park, 4 p.m. (bring your own chair). 850-837-2021.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 a.m. Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 p.m. Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN Sunday bible study at 9:15 a.m., worship service at 10:30 a.m., prayer group at 5 p.m. Wednesday supper at 6 p.m., followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE Sunday services at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services 8:50 a.m., traditional worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m., contemporary worship, 4747 Hwy 98W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for kids, confirmation class for youth, and adult bible study, 10:45 a.m. 4325 Commons Drive, Destin, 850-654-1679.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH Beach worship at 8 a.m. at Ed Walline Park, intersection of Scenic Highway 30A and CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Vintage service at 10:15 a.m. at 3834 U.S. 98 West. For more info, call Pastor Jason Scheler at 850-267-0322 or email **pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org.**

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday vigil mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 a.m.; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 p.m. or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 p.m. year round. Sunday services at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. **www.saintritaparish.org.**

SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH Interdenominational service 10 a.m. Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

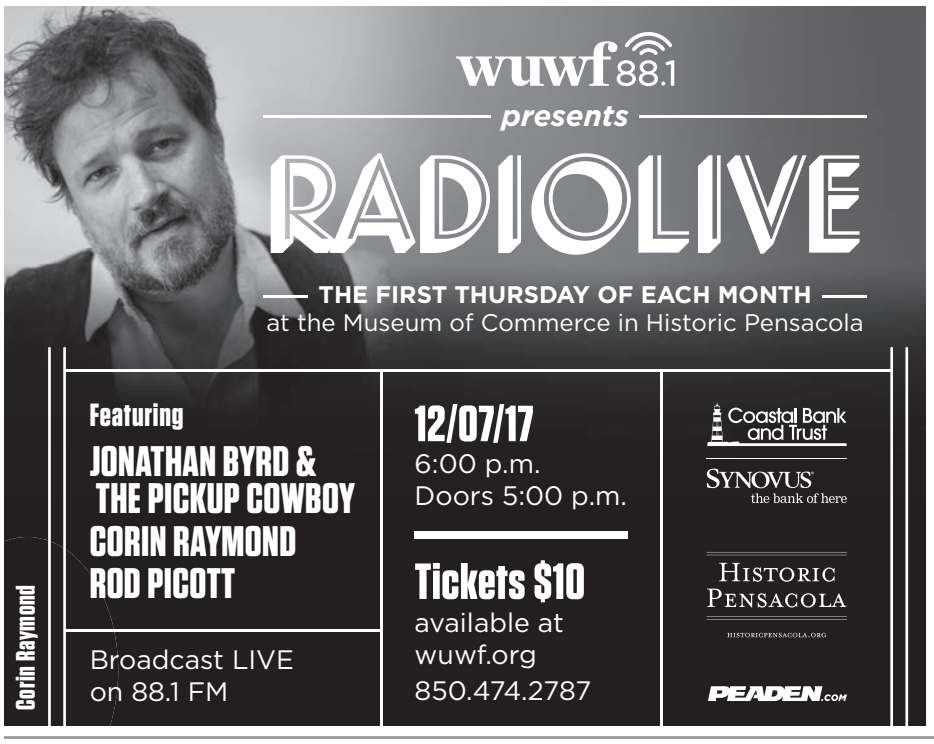
SHORELINE CHURCH Non-denominational modern Sunday service at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at AMC Motion Pictures in Destin Commons, and Sundays at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at Uptown Station Campus, Fort Walton Beach. 850-650-8658 or **www.shorelinechurch.net.**

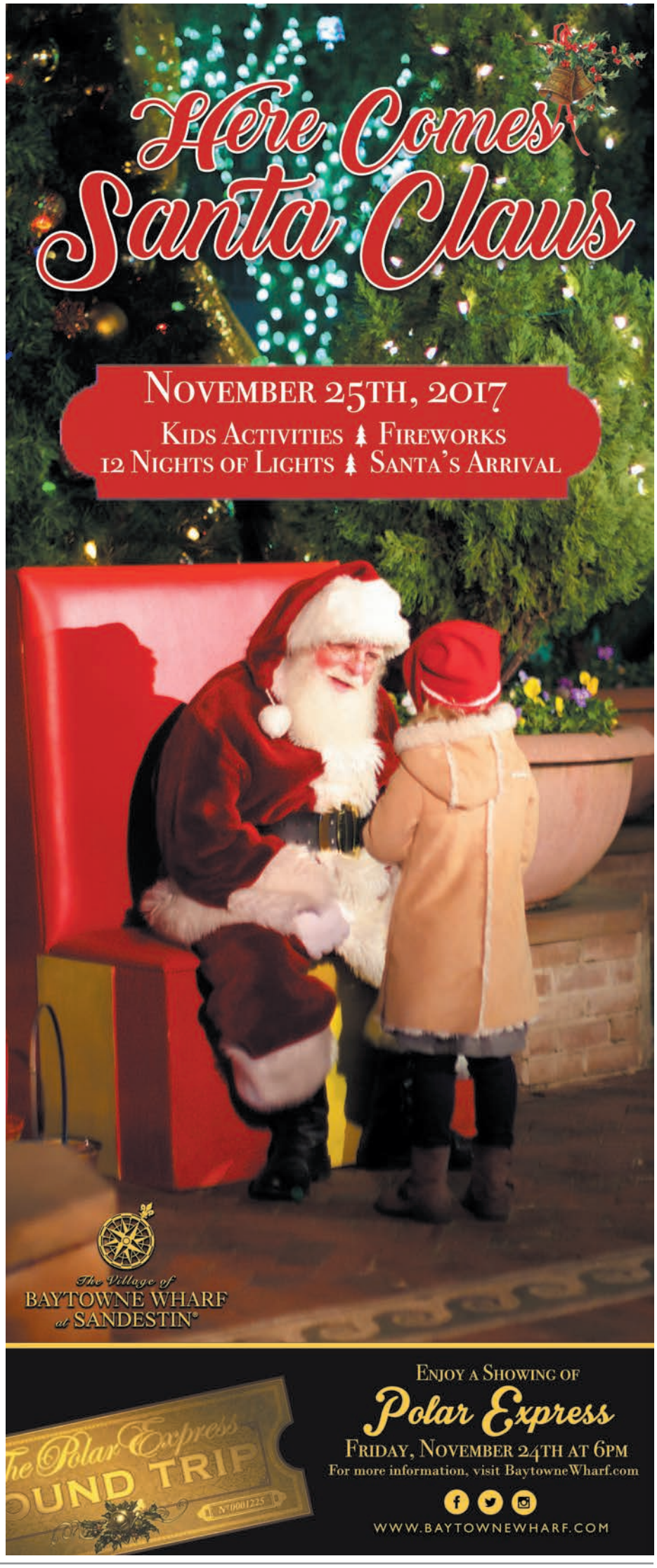
ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH Service at 10 a.m. Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Sunday service at 10 a.m. 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. 101 Matthew one block south of Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-837-8107.





Children's Advocacy Center Telethon Nov. 30 in Grayton Beach

ECCAC board member Tom Cooper (right) interviews Walton County Sheriff Mike Adkinson.

30A TV will broadcast the ***Third Annual Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center (ECCAC) Telethon*** live Thursday, **Nov. 30,** from 6 to 9 p.m. from AJ's in Grayton Beach. Proceeds from the telethon will benefit ECCAC in Niceville and the Pierce Family Children's Advocacy Center in DeFuniak Springs.

Redd and Beachcomber Music Award winner **Luke Langford** will host the telethon. With the purpose of creating awareness and raising funds for ECCAC, the telethon will feature interviews with locals, entertainment, information about ECCAC, and how viewers can make a difference.

ECCAC's board of directors will be on hand answering phones and taking donations. Come out and order from the menu, and AJ's will donate back a portion of the proceeds from the evening. Or purchase a $25 wristband for the appetizer bar and one FREE beverage (draft beer or soda). Wristband sales will be available at the door, or get yours early at **www.eccac.org.**

Viewers with Mediacom's Ch 17 and Channel 8 Fairhope Communications can tune in. The telethon will also stream live at **www.facebook.com/30atv.**

Offering information and entertainment about beach style, 30A TV reaches homes and businesses in its viewing area of nine counties in Northwest Florida, from Sandestin to Alligator Point.

"We so appreciate that 30A TV is doing this telethon for our kids," says ECCAC director of development **Kim Henderson.** "Please either come by AJ's in Grayton Beach to watch the telethon, or tune in and help make a difference by making a contribution that will benefit children in Walton and Okaloosa County."

Sponsors of the telethon at press time include Silver Sands Premium Outlets and Kiwanis of Freeport. Additional TV sponsorships are available starting at $250. To become a sponsor, contact Kim Henderson at 850-933-9237, ext. 283, or email **kim@eccac.org.**

ECCAC's mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect, protect children in Okaloosa and Walton counties, and restore the lives and futures of these impacted children. The center's child-friendly facilities house a multidisciplinary team of child protection personnel, prosecutors, law enforcement, DCF, therapists, and ECCAC staff and volunteers.

In the past 15 years, over 10,000 children have received more than 40,000 services to include mental health therapy, crisis intervention, referrals to other community providers, interviews and medicals. Services are provided at no cost by ECCAC, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

To make a donation, or for additional information about the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center, visit **www.eccac.org.** If abuse is suspected, call the anonymous Florida Abuse Hotline at 1-800-96-ABUSE.

- Kay Phelan

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EDUCATIONAL

EMERALD COAST SCIENCE CENTER A unique museum allowing visitors to touch and use the exhibits, including optical illusions, a nature room and a wind tunnel. 31 SW Memorial Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, 850-664-1261. **www.ecscience.org.**

FARMERS MARKETS

30A FARMERS MARKETS Two convenient locations. Contact Diane at 850-499-4697 for more info.

- **GRAND BOULEVARD FARMERS' MARKET AT SANDESTIN** 600 Grand Boulevard, Miramar Beach. Saturdays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **30A FARMERS' MARKET IN ROSEMARY BEACH COMMUNITY** Sundays year-round, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day), 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

GOLF

REGATTA BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB This award-winning 18-hole course offers an extraordinary golfing experience for players of all skill levels and was named one of *Golf Digest's* Top Places to Play. Equipment rental available. 465 Regatta Bay Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8080. **www.regattabay.com.**

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MUSEUMS

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INDIAN TEMPLE MOUND MUSEUM Artifacts and displays showing the rich Indian history of this area. 139 Hwy. 98SE, FWB, 850-833-9595.

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PARKS & PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS

BEASLEY WAYSIDE PARK Picnic tables, public beach area, barbecue grills, bathhouse, and restrooms. Gulf side of Okaloosa Island, Hwy. 98W.

BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK NW of FWB off Hwy. 90. You can catch sight of lots of wildlife while camping, canoeing, hiking, and fishing. Milton, 850-983-5363.

BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children's playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway (U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

CESSNA BAY Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK This park is named after one of Destin's early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Avenue.

DUNE ALLEN In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

ED WALLINE A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK An historic homestead under majestic, moss-draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday through Monday hourly beginning at 10 a.m. with the last tour at 3 p.m. The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 850-231-4214 for more information.

GRAYTON BEACH STATE RECREATION AREA Camping, picnics, hiking, swimming, saltwater fishing, and boating. Showers and electricity are part of the amenities. Access from S. Hwy. 30-A, South Walton, 850-267-8300.

GRAYTON DUNES Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

GULF SHORE MANOR Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A, Seagrove Beach.

GULFVIEW HEIGHTS Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather's restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK This park has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 850-837-7550.

INLET BEACH This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

LEGION BAY Picnic tables, public parking, boat ramp and restrooms. Intersection of Ponce de Leon and Crest Dr, 191 Crest Dr, Sandestin.

MARLER MEMORIAL PARK Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Road, adjacent to Pompano Joe's.

TOPSAIL HILL PRESERVE STATE PARK offers a wide variety of natural resources, including 3.2 miles of public beach access with majestic dunes over 25 feet tall. Our 1,600 acre preserve includes rare coastal dune lakes, old-growth long leaf pines and sand pine scrub, and a variety of wetlands offer a bird watching and hiking paradise. Visitors may bike, walk,or enjoy a quick ride to the beach on our timely tram service to swim, fish, sunbathe or beachcomb. Topsail Hill offers weekly ranger programs for all visitors to enjoy. A park store offers a variety of camping items, as well as souvenirs and bike, kayak, canoe and SUP rentals. Topsail Hill offers weekly ranger programs for all visitors to enjoy. Gregory E. Moore RV resort features a (non-heated) swimming pool and shuffleboard courts. Furnished bungalows are available for weekly stays. 7525 West County Highway 30A Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-8330. **www.floridastateparks.org/topsailhill.**

TUMBLING, ETC.

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The Colors of 30A

By Chris Manson

"My mother and I attended a Christmas craft show in Nashville last year, and we ran across an adorable Nashville coloring book," says **Noelle Tabor,** who assumes the "imagined by" credit on ***The 30A Coloring Book.*** The illustrations are by Ginny-Beth Joiner. A copy showed up on my desk after I stumbled across the 30A Coloring Book Instagram. I wanted to know more.

"I was drawn to (the Nashville book) and wanted to buy it for someone, but realized that most of the people I love have a connection to 30A more so than Nashville," Ms. Tabor says. She reached out to the creator of the Nashville book to see if they could work together, but they were focused on other projects.

"So I thought, *Why not me?*"

Ms. Tabor began to search for an illustrator to bring the project from dream to printed page. "That same day, one of my sorority sisters posted an illustration she'd done on Facebook, and everything fell magically into place."

Ms. Tabor and Ms. Joiner attended college together at the University of West Florida, where both were members of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

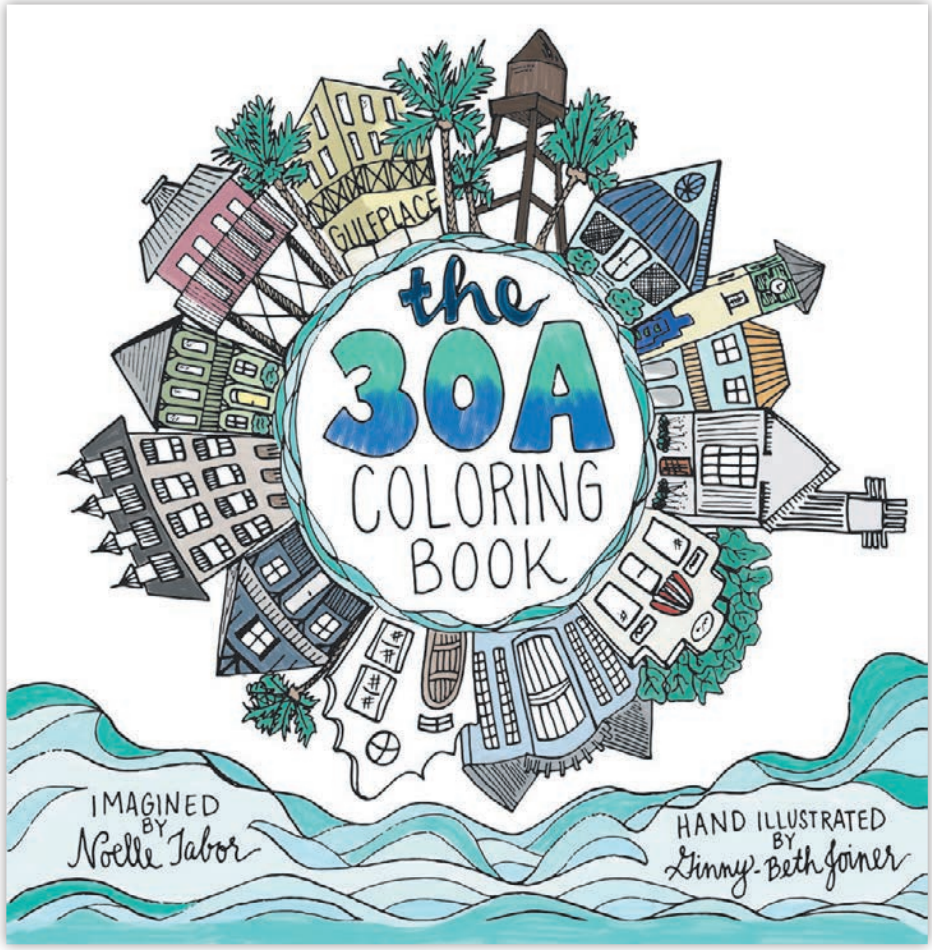
Ms. Tabor insisted that the 30A book be 100 percent hand illustrated in Florida. "It was important to me that we produce something that would reflect the quality experience that 30A provides as a destination, and we've done that. The book includes 40 of Ginny-Beth's illustrations, covering sites from Dune Allen to Inlet Beach and everything in-between."

The illustrator now lives in Deland, Florida, where she works as a director for a university. "She loves to educate others, but she also loves to be creative," says Ms. Tabor. "She has a small business called Martha MacGyver, which was a moniker given to her by one of our other sorority sisters for her ability to make crafty things from nothing." (Find **ShopMarthaMac** on Facebook.)

The 30A Coloring Book initially went to press in April of this year. "We sold through our first print during the summer season and printed what we call 'V2'," says Ms. Tabor. The second version boasts a new illustration, a hand-illustrated binding and "a couple of new surprises."

Ms. Tabor wants to continually evolve the book so that "people who visit each year are met with something new. New surprises, new things to color."

The 30A Coloring Book is available online at **the30acoloringbook.com** and locally at Twin Oaks Farmstead, The Hidden Lantern, Bungalow, The Blue Giraffe, Deep South Market (Seagrove Beach and Gulf Place locations), Salt Air, Sundog Books, Duckies, and Big Mama's Hulu Gallery.



THE 30A COLORING BOOK by Noelle Tabor and Ginny-Beth Joiner.

One of our favorite pages from THE 30A COLORING BOOK. Make sure you have plenty of red on hand.

Upcoming Books

NOV. 17

Ken Bruen, ***The Ghosts of Galway***

NOV. 20

James Patterson, ***The People vs. Alex Cross***

NOV. 21

Candace Cameron Bure, ***Staying Stylish: Cultivating a Confident Look, Style, and Attitude***

Stephen Davis, ***Gold Dust Woman: The Biography of Stevie Nicks***

Timothy Ferris, ***Tribe of Mentors: Short Life Advice from the Best in the World***

Dean Koontz, ***The Whispering Room: A Jane Hawk Novel***

Steven Levenson, ***Dear Evan Hansen: Through the Window***

Rick Steves Paris 2018. Paperback.

NOV. 28

Marc Cameron, ***Tom Clancy's Power and Empire: A Jack Ryan Novel***

Melissa Caughey, ***How to Speak Chicken: Why Your Chickens Do What They Do & Say What They Say.*** Paperback.

Scott Rothkopf, ***Owens, Laura***

Danielle Steel, ***Past Perfect***

Southern Living Annual Recipes 2017

Rick Steves Italy 2018. Paperback.

Sources: amazon.com, netgalley.com

Recommended Reading

Justin Spring

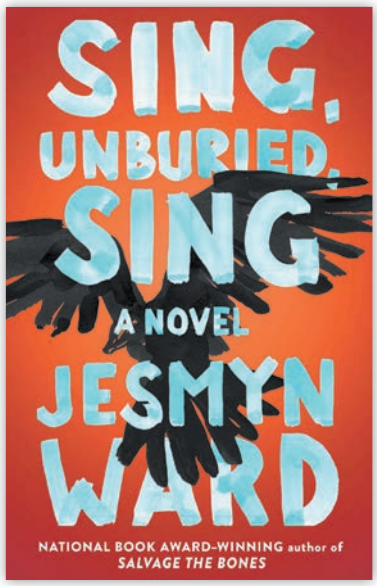
The Gourmands' Way – Six Americans in Paris and the Birth of a New Gastronomy
Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Gastronomy has become an anthropological specialty. What did Julia Child, A.J. Liebling, M.F.K. Fisher, Richard Olney, Alexis Lichine and Alice B. Toklas have in common? All lived a significant time in Paris, loved cooking, eating and writing about French food and wine, and tried with varying success to earn their living doing one or all three. Spring's narrative (post-WWII to the early '70s) chronicles the heady, unhappy love affair between Paris and the USA. The rise of convenience cooking, celebrity chefs, and gourmet mass marketing was bound to have fallout, but Spring makes what happened seem almost inevitable.

- Bruce Collier

Jesmyn Ward

Sing, Unburied, Sing
Scribner



Sing, Unburied, Sing was recently announced as a finalist for this year's National Book Award in fiction. The author won the National Book Award back in 2011 for her novel *Salvage the Bones*. *Sing, Unburied, Sing* is a slow, heavy and beautifully written story told from three perspectives—Jojo, a biracial boy living with his mother and grandparents in Mississippi and the primary caretaker for his toddler sister Kayla; Leonie, Jojo and Kayla's drug addicted and basically negligent mother; and Richie, the spirit of someone important in Jojo and Kayla's grandfather's past. The story follows the dysfunctional family's quest (which seems to allude in many ways to the quest in Homer's *The Odyssey*) to pick up Leonie's boyfriend and the children's father Michael from Mississippi State Penitentiary. Reading this story is an emotional experience—it is very sad and often uncomfortable, but still rewarding. The language is beautiful, the story important, and the author deserves every award coming her way.

- Marilu Morgan

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TUESDAY, NOV. 21

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850-837-8572

Aaron Schneider's quirky 1930s drama stars Robert Duvall, Sissy Spacek and Bill Murray. The FREE screening is presented by the Friends Guild of the Destin Library, Inc.

FRIDAY, NOV. 24

"THE POLAR EXPRESS"
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BaytowneWharf.com
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OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

NOV. 17

The Breadwinner. Acclaimed animated story of an 11-year-old girl growing up under the Taliban in Afghanistan circa 2001.

Jim & Andy: The Great Beyond – Featuring a Very Special, Contractually Obligated Mention of Tony Clifton. Jim Carrey revisits his role as Andy Kaufman in Milos Forman's *Man on the Moon*. Streaming on Netflix.

Justice League. Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill, Gal Gadot, Jeremy Irons, Amy Adams.

Mudbound. Post-WWII drama with Carey Mulligan, Jonathan Banks, Mary J. Blige and more. Streaming on Netflix.

Wonder. Julia Roberts, Jacob Tremblay, Owen Wilson, Mandy Patinkin.

NOV. 22

Coco. After *Cars 3,* Disney and Pixar try really hard to redeem themselves.

Darkest Hour. Gary Oldman as Winston Churchill.

Source: www.metacritic.com

UPCOMING DVD/BLU-RAY/ VOD RELEASES

NOV. 21

Beach Rats. Harris Dickinson. Written and directed by Eliza Hittman.

Good Time. Josh and Benny Safdie's acclaimed crime flick, with Robert Pattinson.

My Journey Through French Cinema. Written and directed by film geek extraordinaire Bertrand Tavernier.

NOV. 28

Logan Lucky. Channing Tatum, Adam Driver, Daniel Craig. Directed by Steven Soderbergh.

Lost in Paris. Fiona Gordon and Dominique Abel in a charming, old-fashioned comedy.

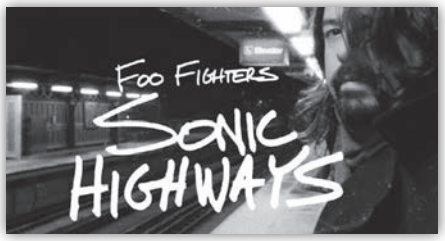
Super Dark Times. Aren't you glad you're not in high school anymore?

Source: www.metacritic.com

STREAM ON

Foo Fighters – Sonic Highways

HBO Go, HBO Now

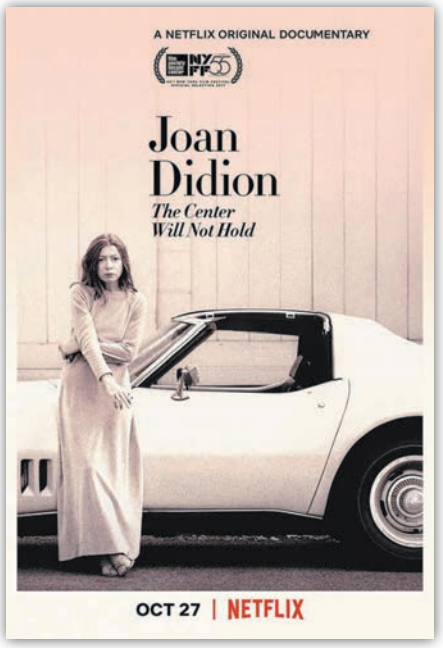


This docuseries has been described as a look behind the making of the Foos' music, and it is. But it's also so much more. The cameras roll as the band descriptively traces the evolution of America's diverse music scene while touring from city to city. It's also a most personal travel log, as each of the members reflect on their hometowns, describing personal details of how their environments shaped him musically. In the Washington, D.C. episode, Dave Grohl takes us to his childhood home and back to his beginnings, describing a childhood that culminates in his mother—a single mom and teacher—supporting Grohl's decision to drop out of high school and travel as a member of an established band. Another episode, "The Foos Hit Seattle," provides a firsthand account of the emergence of grunge and the formation of a little band called Nirvana. The eight-episode series also includes the jazz movement in New Orleans, New York's punk roots, Nashville's country music, and more. One of the best series currently offered by HBO's online portals.

- Joni Williams

Joan Didion: The Center Will Not Hold

Netflix



Directed by iconic writer Didion's nephew Griffin Dunne, the documentary is full of palpable trust and love as Dunne and other family members, colleagues and friends reflect on and with Didion about her life and work. The literary giant is beautifully candid here as she looks back on her complicated, immense career and the loves and devastating losses in her personal life. *The Center Will Not Hold* will make you want to read and reread all the Didion works you can get your hands on. And you should.

- Jane Morgan

THURSDAY, NOV. 16

"STOKED GONE WILD"
Bart Rockett Theatre, HarborWalk Village, 8-9 p.m.
TheStokedShow.com
The "adult" version of **Terry Stokes'** popular comedy hypnosis show. Admission is $20.

"THE STOKED SHOW"
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 6-7 p.m.
TheStokedShow.com
Legendary comedy hypnotist **Terry Stokes** and special guest **Terry Stokes Jr.** on the main stage. Name your price.

FRIDAY, NOV. 17

NORTHWEST FLORIDA BALLET'S "THE NUTCRACKER"
Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville, 7:30 p.m.
MattieKellyArtsCenter.org
With live music by the NFB Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are $38 for adults, $18 for youth.

STAGE CRAFTERS' "THE ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL"
Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
StageCraftersFWB.com
Charles Addams' beloved characters have conquered television and cinema, and now Gomez, Morticia, et al. are on stage in a singing and dancing spectacular. Tickets are $25 ($10 at the door for students), available online or at P.S. Gifts in Fort Walton Beach and Bayou Books in Niceville. This is Stage Crafters' final production of the 2017 season. Directed by **Joseph Perna.**

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SATURDAY, NOV. 18

NORTHWEST FLORIDA BALLET'S "THE NUTCRACKER"
Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville, 7:30 p.m.
MattieKellyArtsCenter.org

STAGE CRAFTERS' "THE ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL"
Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
StageCraftersFWB.com

The cast of Stage Crafters' THE ADDAMS FAMILY. We caught the press night show and really enjoyed it. Go see this one!

"STOKED GONE WILD"
Bart Rockett Theatre, HarborWalk Village, 8-9 p.m.
TheStokedShow.com

SUNDAY, NOV. 19

NORTHWEST FLORIDA BALLET'S "THE NUTCRACKER"
Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville, 2:30 p.m.
MattieKellyArtsCenter.org

STAGE CRAFTERS' "THE ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL"
Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 2 p.m.
StageCraftersFWB.com

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22

"THE STOKED SHOW"
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 6-7 p.m.
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THURSDAY, NOV. 23

"THE STOKED SHOW"
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 6-7 p.m.
TheStokedShow.com

FRIDAY, NOV. 24

"STOKED GONE WILD"
Bart Rockett Theatre, HarborWalk Village, 8-9 p.m.
TheStokedShow.com

"THE STOKED SHOW"
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 6-7 p.m.
TheStokedShow.com

SATURDAY, NOV. 25

"STOKED GONE WILD"
Bart Rockett Theatre, HarborWalk Village, 8-9 p.m.
TheStokedShow.com

"THE STOKED SHOW"
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 6-7 p.m.
TheStokedShow.com

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29

"THE STOKED SHOW"
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 6-7 p.m.
TheStokedShow.com

THURSDAY, NOV. 30

"FULLY COMMITTED"
The REP Theatre, Seaside, 7:30 p.m.
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Five Preparations for the Rut

By Jenna Kaye Taylor
Photos by Hunter Forbes

1. Mock scrapes. It's good to start utilizing mock scrapes just before the bucks start to do them, so that you can potentially lure them into the area that you want them in, rather than them making an area for themselves. You can also find scrapes and rubs already maintained and add buck scent to it.

For a mock scrape, you will need buck scent (urine) and a dripper or rope to tie on to the tree. Next, you will want to find a low hanging tree in a fairly open area (just enough so that they can put their head up and lick the branch) and tie the rope or dripper to the low hanging limb.

Then, you will rake an area just under that branch to imitate a buck scraping the ground. After you're done, add some buck urine to the scrape on the ground and *voila,* a mock scrape. Lastly, put a camera on the scrape if you want to monitor that area.

2. Get your calls ready. Bucks are going to respond to calls the best during this time. Make sure you're toting a grunt call, doe bleat, and rattling horns in your bag at all times. A grunt can be a great way to get a dominant buck within range.

The downside to this is that it may make the distance greater if the buck in the area is subdominant. The bleat can be a great call as well, with the greatest upside and smallest downside. A bleat won't send a shy buck packing, whereas a rattle or grunt might. Rattling antlers can bring curiosity from all directions, as it is the loudest way to get the attention of deer in the area.

3. Keep hunting food sources. Where the does are, the bucks will follow. Although bucks have probably stopped coming to the corn as often, the does will most likely still be in the area that you've been feeding. If it's legal in your state of hunting, keep the corn or feed of your choice out so that they don't wander too far.

If you've planted food plots, this is a good time to slip in and wait for a hot doe to come by. Lastly, if there are areas where the acorns have been dropping well or you've found other food sources—such as a persimmon tree—make sure to stay close.

4. Utilize cover scents. This is one of the most important things to utilize—aiming to eliminate all of your scent while still utilizing a cover scent such as doe estrus or buck scent. This can distract the deer from any scent that you've left behind on accident. I spray a bit on my boots as I walk in and again when I get in the stand.

5. Grab a decoy. Most deer, regardless of where you're hunting in the United States, will show curiosity when they spot a decoy. This is a great tactic to get a buck within bow range and to lure the bucks out of the woods during the pre-rut and rut. When using a decoy, you will want to use a subdominant buck. When you do this, a more mature and dominant buck in the area may be attracted to it, looking to assert its dominance.

Set up your decoy in an opening, but be sure not to set it anywhere that it can surprise another deer. This can lead to you getting busted by a doe or another buck. Lastly, make sure that you eliminate all odor from the decoy. Spray it down with scent-eliminating spray and when you get to the field, add some buck scent to cover any odor left behind.

Decoys don't always work when hunting—you may get busted, bucks may be afraid of it, etc.—but if you know you have a dominant buck in the area, it may just work in your favor.

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Where Oysters Deck the Walls

Half Shell Oyster House is on Emerald Coast Parkway, between Mid-Bay Bridge and downtown Destin. The bright yellow-and-white sign is an eye-catcher. My family ate there on a recent weeknight. The facade of the restaurant is largely glass, allowing a look inside. It's theatrically decorated to look like the Vieux Carre, MGM-style. Colors are from the dark palette, with polished wood, stained glass and wrought iron accents.

The dining room is subdivided by partitions into both open and enclosed dining areas, allowing privacy and conversation. There's a bar partly down the length of one wall. Playing over the sound system were some rousing Mardi Gras Indian songs, followed by Wynton Marsalis playing Jelly Roll Morton, and other Louisiana music.

Our server (Terri) was friendly and efficient, anticipating the needs of my daughter Grace (the Tiny Diner). We got menus, gave drink orders, and sat back.

Oysters get plenty of attention at Half Shell. They have their own section on the menu, and the walls of the restrooms have a decorative border of lacquered oyster shells.

I was looking forward to my first raw oysters of the holiday season. I ordered six on the half shell to start, and my wife chose a cup of seafood gumbo. TD still thinks there are many foods she doesn't like—some of which she's actually tried—so she settled for coloring the kids' menu.

My oysters arrived on a plate of ice, with lemon, cocktail sauce and extra horseradish. When I picked up the first one, I noticed how clean the shell was. It had been carefully scrubbed, almost polished. The oysters were cold, plump, juicy, briny, and too few. I hope the rest of the season's oysters are as good.

My wife's gumbo, topped with rice, was crowded with shrimp, crabmeat and crawfish, in a stock that was mild but flavorful. There's hot sauce on the table if you want to add heat.

Oysters can also be ordered charbroiled, Orleans (broiled with smoky Cajun sauce), Bienville and Rockefeller, all in half or full-dozen portions, or in a sampler. Non-oyster starter options include fried green tomatoes and crab cakes, boiled royal red shrimp, lobster quesadilla, crab claws, crab cakes, smoked tuna dip, voodoo wings or shrimp, crab and lobster dip, and tempura battered asparagus. There is also a lobster, crab and corn bisque.

My wife had never tried royal reds, so she ordered them, with a side of fried okra. I chose bacon and pecan crusted redfish, with sides of fries and grilled asparagus with Gorgonzola butter. Half Shell also had grouper and snapper as their fish of the day, which can be prepared several ways.

TD ordered a children's meal of fried shrimp and seasoned fries, which came with a drink, all for $5. The portion was substantial. She ate about a third, describing the shrimp as having a "sea-ish" taste. It was a compliment.

Royal reds are delicious shrimp, though I don't agree that they taste like lobster (but rock shrimp do). Half Shell sends out 3/4 of a pound, hot from the boiler, with a cup of drawn butter. My wife took home half. Redfish tastes great any old way, but bacon and pecan gave it an added salty, chewy, crunchy kick that was well balanced by the orange beurre blanc. Grilled is easily the best way to have asparagus, but adding Gorgonzola butter puts it into a class by itself—sweet, crunchy and tangy. I only regret not having bread to get all the sauce.

Other mains include a seafood sampler, fried shrimp or oysters, shrimp and grits, seafood pot pie, seafood stuffed mushrooms, cheeseburger, shrimp or oyster po' boys and sandwiches of BLT fried green tomatoes, tuna, chicken and ribeye, fish served grilled, blackened, Orleans, herb crusted, or Lameuse (cream sauce with mushrooms, garlic and crabmeat), steaks, surf and turf, pasta with chicken or seafood, and almond-encrusted or paneed chicken. Other sides include broccoli, pork stock turnip greens, Cajun boiled parmesan and garlic fried potatoes, salad, cheese grits, sweet potato crème brulee, and jalapeno hushpuppies.

There were four desserts—key lime pie, bananas Foster cheesecake, chocolate obsession, and cinnamon roll bread pudding. We got the last, to share. It came in a large martini glass, which is actually a handy way to share—just grab the stem and pass it around. The pudding was hot and dense, very sweet, with a warm and boozy sauce.

Oysters are back, better than ever at Half Shell.

HALF SHELL OYSTER HOUSE

34761 Emerald Coast Parkway, Suite 104
Destin
850-842-4788

Hours: Open daily at 11 a.m.

Reservations: Advance priority seating an option.

Children's Menu: Yes

Dress: Casual

Get your oyster season underway New Orleans-style. Oysters raw, charbroiled, Rockefeller, Bienville or fried, plus a menu of fish, shellfish, steaks, chicken, pasta, po' boys and sandwiches served plain or with Louisiana touches. Comfortable seating, friendly staff. Lunch and dinner, full bar, $5-29.

Three Trendy Beers You Should Try Now

By Joni Williams

And when we say now, we mean right now. Or at least in the next month or two, because we just learned the hard way that "better late than never" doesn't apply to seasonal beers. Sometimes late just means never.

By never, we mean never this year. Last November, we were easily able to score our pick of the great pumpkin brews that are only available in autumn. Everywhere we looked—grocery stores, liquor stores, gas stations, even drugstores—there were plenty of pumpkin brews just waiting to be picked.

Fast forward to November 2017 when, expecting the same great selection of as last year, we armed ourselves with a list ranging from tried-and-true to brand new pumpkin ales and went shopping. But lo and behold, after visiting more than a few stores, we weren't able to find a single one.

Where the #$&@ did all the pumpkins go?

We wisely turned to Beach Liquors' craft brew guru **Patrick Maus**—officially known as the "assistant manager"—for answers. He explained that last year, area merchants zealously ordered ample amounts of pumpkin brews to ensure the heavy demand for them was met. But they unintentionally ended up with unsold pumpkin brews well into February.

And they found out that as much as hopheads love to guzzle the great gourds in autumn, they lose interest when spring is just around the corner. Instead of spicy and rich, brew bros and sistas begin to fancy lighter, summery brews like fruity shandies, crisp witbiers and mild IPAs. In other words, retailers got stuck holding what had become hard-to-sell inventory. This year, they ensured that wouldn't happen by ordering less.

It may be that the great pumpkin trend is waning just a little. If it is, it's definitely not an indicator of the overall craft beer movement, which continues to gain momentum. And that's why, even though we weren't able to make our pumpkin haul, we were able to get our hands on some new-to-us winter beers recommended by Patrick, which reflect some of the hottest trends in cold beer right now.

And, scout's honor, every one of the brews he suggested proved to be just as good as he promised.

Funky Buddha Last Snow. Coconut has been a strong food trend for more than a few years now. So, it came as no surprise that Patrick's top recommendation was a coconut beer, Last Snow. Not only did Funky miraculously find a way to infuse the yummiest attributes of an Almond Joy bar into this porter, they wisely balanced its sweetness. After all, it's not supposed to be candy in a glass. But it is every bit as delicious.

What makes this beer is its unmissable coconut flavor, sweetened with a rich, caramelly malt and finished with decadent coffee and chocolate notes. Despite its richness and a fairly hefty ABV of 6.4 percent, Last Snow is incredibly easy to drink, mostly because it's incredibly delicious.

New Holland Dragon's Milk. Good gourd, Dragon's Milk was so good it made us forget all about our beloved pumpkin brews. But you know how we love a good stout. And this one has a buzz-worthy ABV of 11 percent. Pumpkin? What pumpkin?

You sure won't find any in this brew. But you will find a prominent taste of bourbon, as well as smoky espresso, roasted sugar and a smooch of creamy vanilla. If you're a whiskey lover, the barrel-aged Dragon's Milk is a must try. Potent and robust and brimming with belly warming flavor notes, this is the perfect wintertime brew to have around.

So is **Stone Brewing's Xocoveza,** a hearty Mexican chocolate stout that even when served cold will warm you up from your tippie-top to your tootsies, thanks to a subtle hit of pasilla peppers and a not-so-subtle ABV just over 8 percent. See why we love us some stouts? They're typically packing authentically rich infusions of flavor. And a buzz. What more could you ask from a brew?

Actually, we can think of more. And that's price, as in affordable. Affordability is one big reason why Beach Liquors has consistently remained on our go-to list. They usually have the best prices in town, and if they don't, they'll price match competitors.

Another reason we keep coming back is their events, like the fun and informative Friday evening beer and wine tasting soirees, run year round. Same for their in-house bar that offers a choice of 14 draft brews daily from 1 to 6 p.m.

Most importantly, if you ever need help finding or choosing your brews—or any other type of liquor—the staff is always at the ready with info and suggestions. To a beer writer about to miss a deadline, that kind of assistance scores big brownie points, as well as more than a few years of well earned repeat business.

Restaurant Guide

If your favorite restaurant isn't listed here, let us know by dropping an email to us at **chris@beachcomberdestin.com!**

AMERICAN

CALLAHAN'S A long-time favorite of Destin locals, Callahan's Restaurant & Deli lives up to its name, offering one of the town's most varied selections of deli sandwiches, salads, and full-on meals, with everything from quiche to barbecue. Steaks and chops are a perennial favorite, along with comforting meals of pot roast, prime rib, seafood platters, and some fancier regular and special items. Lunch and dinner; beer, wine and mixed drinks, $3-20. 791 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-6328/837-7171. **www.callahansdestin.com. www.facebook.com/callahansdestin.**

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Destin's first true burger bar has it all - Burgers, Bourbon and Beer! Charlie's has a selection of 17 different burgers from lamb, Black Angus, wild boar, bison, even Ostrich. If you don't want one of the already built burgers, make your own. Select the bun you would like, than the protein, pick your cheese and your sides. The soon to be famous deep fried pickles are to die for. Or live a little and go for Charlie's Funky Fries topped with different types of cheeses. Happy hour daily from 3-6 p.m. Open at 3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. $3-32, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex, 850-424-7695. **www.CharliesBurgerBar.com.**

HOOTERS Wings, shrimp, burgers and more. Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sun.-Thu., 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Fri. and Sat. Happy hour Mon.-Fri., 3-6 p.m. and 9 p.m.-close. 15015 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin, 850-654-1007. **hootersonline.com**.

ASIAN

LIN'S ASIAN CUISINE Enjoy carefully prepared and artfully served Chinese and Southeast Asian dishes in a pleasant and welcoming atmosphere. Chicken, beef, pork, duck, fish and shellfish are cooked to suit most tastes, and Lin's offers your favorites—General Tso's chicken, Mongolian beef, pad thai, lo mein and kung pao, among many others. Beer and wine. $2-15. 130 Scenic Gulf Dr. #5B, Miramar Beach, 850-424-5888.

BAKERIES

CAKEMASTER'S BAKERY II Quality baked goods since 1971, made from scratch on the premises by a fourth generation baker. Decorated cakes for all occasions. New Sweet Expressions cake collection. Breakfast pastries—Danish (cheese, pecan, fruit), assorted coffee cakes, cinnamon rolls, crumb cake, strudel, bienstich, pecan crispies. Delicious delights—brownies, ragulah, cream fingers, biscotti, cookies (wedding, sugar, chocolate chip, raisin, fruit bars, holiday) and more. Refrigerated desserts—éclairs, Boston cream pie, cheesecake, black forest cake, Italian rum cake, Napoleons, French creampuffs and more. Come on by and see us. 105 Beach Drive Suite A-3, Fort Walton Beach (behind Pizza Hut on Racetrack Road), 850-862-4911. Closed Mondays.

BARBEQUE

LILLIE'S Q Award-winning on the national level barbecue restaurant located at 9848 Hwy. 98 W., Miramar Beach, approximately seven miles east of the Mid Bay Bridge. We offer barbecue that represents all areas of the U.S., such as pulled pork, baby back ribs, smoked chicken breast and beef tri-tip (sliced sirloin). All meat products are slow smoked using natural wood and lump charcoal. Seven sauce choices with delicious side orders and the best banana pudding in the Panhandle. We offer a wrap around porch. No inside seating. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Call ahead orders welcomed! 850-654-3911.

BREAKFAST & MORE

ASIAGO'S SKILLET There's no place like it. Open daily from midnight till noon. Try your hand at our one-of-a-kind Crab Cake Benny, mouth watering Bananas Foster French Toast or our classic American Breakfast. We've got something for everyone. Plus, don't miss out on our Build Your Own Bloody Mary Bar, complete with infused vodkas, every weekend. Truly breakfast at its best. 110 Amberjack Drive, Okaloosa Island, 850-586-7998. New location in Destin! 300 Harbor Blvd., 850-424-4160. **www.facebook.com/asiago.skillet**.

BLUE COLLAR CAFE Made to order breakfast and lunch served all day. House made bagels. Full coffee bar with Maas coffee and espresso roasted at the cafe. Home of the famous BOB (breakfast on a bagel) and New York style lox and house-mixed cream cheese. Salads and sides, homemade scones and sweets. Open Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. 104 Hollywood Blvd. SW, Fort Walton Beach.

CAMILLE'S CAFE Start your day with coffee and breakfast. We feature fluffy eggs, cinnamon rolls, apple pie muffins, fresh juice and smoothies. For lunch, enjoy our fresh caught tuna salad on an Asiago cheese bagel, Sriracha turkey sandwich or Mediterranean chicken salad sandwich. Plus all day Bloody Marys, mimosas, beer, and daiquiris made with fresh-squeezed juice. Join our party! 2931 Scenic Highway 98, Destin, 850-337-8860.

THE DONUT HOLE Breakfast, donuts, sandwiches, salads, burgers and more. 635 U.S. 98 E, Destin, 850-837-8824.

THE DONUT HOLE 6745 U.S. 98 W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-3239.

THE DONUT HOLE 12983 U.S. 98 E, Inlet Beach, 850-213-3127.

THE LOCAL MARKET Open 7 a.m.-3 p.m. daily. Fresh pressed juices, coffee, breakfast, gourmet sandwiches, homemade ice cream and more. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-460-8979.

THE PANCAKERY Serving breakfast and lunch daily from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Featuring build your own pancakes and omelettes! Waffles, French Toast, crepes, benedicts, bananas foster and all traditional breakfast items. Also, lunch menu includes sandwiches, burgers, salads, wraps, and loaded potatoes. Now serving bloody marys, mimosas and cold beer. 960 Hwy 98 East, Suite 104, Destin. 850-269-0791.

TOMMY MATTONIE'S Looking for upscale breakfast options? We offer 13 different Eggs Benedicts and numerous specialty waffles. Trip Advisor honored us with a Certificate of Excellence for 2015. Our list of New Orleans style po-boys for lunch is just as extensive as the Eggs Benedict selections. We serve only local fresh bay shrimp and offer some of the best slow smoked BBQ in FWB. We also serve salads, Floribbean tacos, soups and daily specials. Check Facebook for our daily specials. Open 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day except Mondays. Located at 723 Eglin Parkway NE in FWB near the Shalimar Bridge. 850-862-0895. **www.tommymattonies.com.**

BURGERS

CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR Burgers, bourbon and beer. Pick from 18 burgers or build your own. Over 50 beers and bourbons, funky French fries, milk shakes for all ages. Located at 2 Harbor Blvd. in HarborWalk Village's Crab Island Cantina Complex, Destin, 850-424-7695.

CASUAL DINING

FUDPUCKER'S BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL – DESTIN Find out why Fudpucker's is #1 for Food and Fun. Fud's has offered great food, live alligators and world famous t-shirts in a fun filled family atmosphere since 1982. Family entertainment is offered nightly with **The Fudnominals** interactive dance team, and Teen Night is held every Thursday and Friday. Download the Fud app for daily deals on food, drinks and merchandise. 20001 Emerald Coast Parkway, across from Henderson Beach State Park. Call 850-654-4200 or visit us at **www.fudpucker.com.**

HOG'S BREATH CAFE A local favorite located in the heart of Destin, Hog's Breath offers a varied menu selection, from seafood tacos to BBQ platters. Sit inside or enjoy the beautiful Emerald Coast weather, all while listening to live local entertainment. Fun for the entire family. Open daily, 11 a.m. until 2 a.m. 541 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-5991. "Hog's Breath is better than no breath at all!" **www.hogsbreath.com/destin.**

COFFEE SHOPS

MAAS COFFEE ROASTERS Fresh roasted beans of origin, roasted in different profiles. Specialty coffee roasters for 10 years. "Once you go Maas, you'll never go 'Bucks!" Fresh made pastries and bagels, FREE WiFi. Open Mon.-Sat., 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sundays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 150 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, across from the Indian Temple Mound Museum. 850-585-0496.

CONTEMPORARY

BUD & ALLEY'S This Seaside perennial just keeps getting better. Lunch and dinner daily, with a varying menu offering grilled, roasted, and sautéed fish and shellfish, quail, chicken, pork, and plenty of interesting accompaniments. Full bar, $4-34. 2236 CR30A East, Seaside, 850-231-5900.

LOUIS LOUIS Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, $5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

DINNER & A SHOW

REDD'S FUELING STATION a/k/a Redd's Pub N Song, specializes in great food and music. The menu is simple but delicious, including slow cooked beef brisket, sweet and spicy babybacks and fried green tomato BLTs. **Redd the Singing Bartender** sings as she bartends, hosts and serves on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays—customers can participate by requesting songs for tips. Redd offers over 350 songs to choose from. Wednesday is Open Mic Night, the longest running open mic on 30A with musicians of all levels and ages welcome. We have the sound system, you bring your instrument and your talent. Friday nights are live music. Redd likes to promote local musicians and several popular local bands had their first gigs here, including the Luke Langford Band and Mose Wilson and the Delta Twang. Dinner reservations for four or more are highly recommended. Located at 2320 West County Highway 30A in Blue Mountain Beach. Call 850-325-0252 for information and reservations. Visit **www.reddsfuel.com** and find **Redd's Pub N Song** on Facebook.

ECLECTIC

CAFÉ THIRTY-A Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house atmosphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. $8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166.

THE RED BAR The place to go—and say you went—in Grayton Beach. The Red Bar offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a short but expertly prepared menu of sandwiches, soup and salads for lunch, chicken, local fish, pasta and crab cakes for dinner. The apple dumpling will haunt you, in a good way. Live music, and more local color than you'll know what to do with. Full bar, $4-21. 70 Hotz Avenue, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008. **www.theredbar.com.**

VIN'TIJ Wine boutique and bistro. Wonderful food, service and a.m.sphere. Great approach to wine service offering Flight or tasters of unique varietals. Open daily for lunch or dinner plus a well stocked retail wine shop. $5-19, 10859 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin, 650-9820.

GERMAN/AMERICAN

FOKKERS PUB German sausages and homemade schnitzels go great with German beer! Brick oven pizza, grilled or fried wings, burgers, sandwiches and salad bar – there's something for everyone! Live music Wednesdays and Fridays. Located at 215 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE Unit #1 in Downtown Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-6666.

HEALTHY DINING

GEORGE'S AT ALYS BEACH Established in 2008, George's has offered regional coastal fare infused with global flavors to the quaint town of Alys Beach. We craft all of our dishes using locally sourced organic produce and the freshest seafood available, and present each with a generous helping of love. Our dishes fall into two categories—Behave and Misbehave. The Behave section features organic, spa-inspired dishes, while the Misbehave side touts traditional beach fare like fried seafood baskets and po-boys. The menu is rounded out with a thoughtfully curated wine list and a selection of decadent desserts. Our charming beach cottage provides the perfect backdrop for a casual dinner with friends and family. Dine indoors in our airy yet cozy dining room, or soak in the beautiful Florida sunshine on our front deck or screened porches. Open 11 a..-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 30 Castle Harbour Dr., Panama City Beach, 850-641-0017, **georgesatalysbeach.net.**

IRISH

JOHNNY MCTIGHE'S Ireland on Scenic 30-A, a unique outpost of food and drink in Santa Rosa Beach. McTighe's opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 2 a.m. the next day. In between,

Hot Dog!
Another Eating Option at Baytowne

The Village of Baytowne Wharf welcomes Stadium Hot Dogs into its lineup of dining options. Like baseball, hot dogs and funnel cakes are American staples. And there is no place better to enjoy them than at the local baseball stadium decorated cafe.

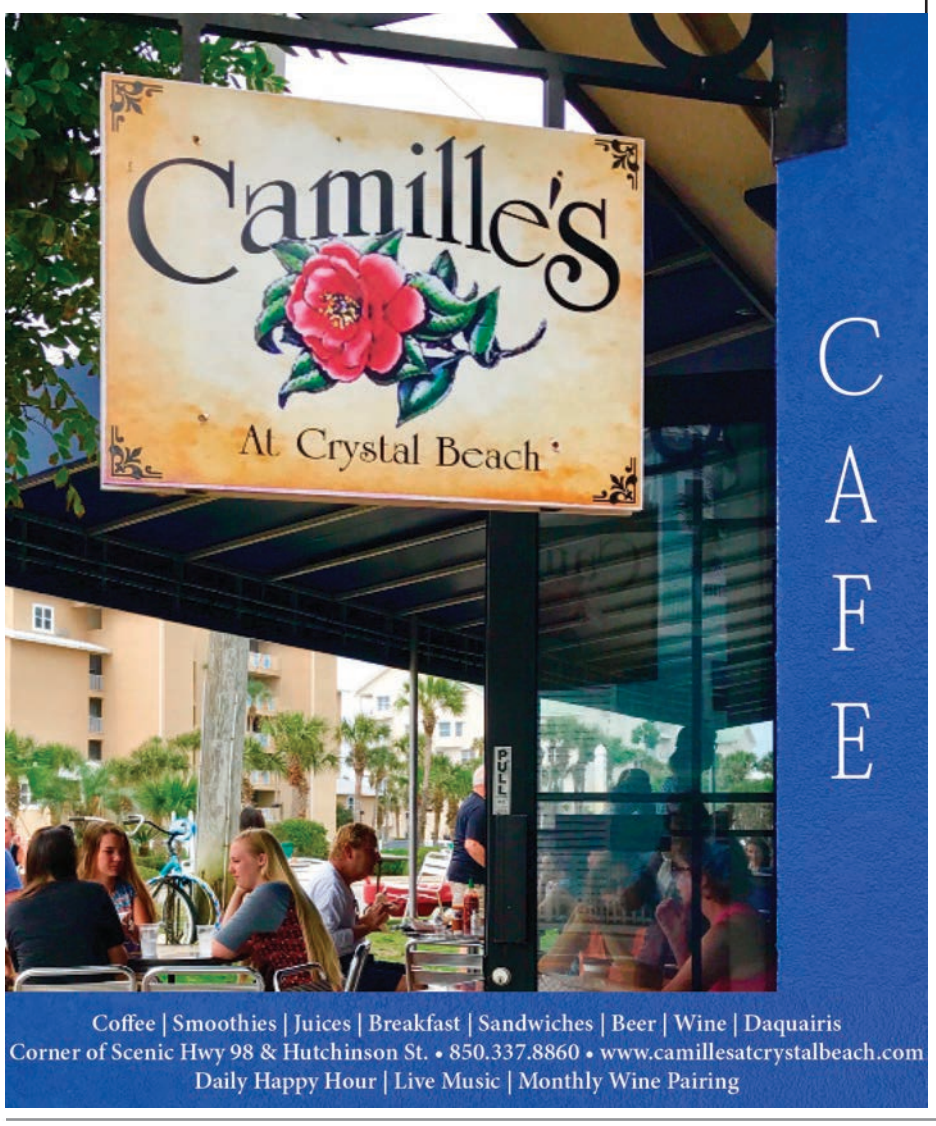
Proprietors **Shelley and Tony DeSousa**, homeowners within the Sandestin resort community, chose Baytowne Wharf for its unique setting of a fishing village by the bay. Their commitment to excellence extends well beyond offering a quality dining experience at affordable prices. As members of this community, they will be onsite to ensure every guest is treated as family. Service includes dine-in, takeout and delivery service through the resort and catering. Large groups are welcome.

"Shelley and I are excited to open a fast casual restaurant in The Village of Baytowne Wharf. Stadium Hot Dogs will serve a variety of specialty dogs from a New York dog to a Chicago dog," says Tony. "Patrons can customize their dogs to their liking, choosing toppings galore. Our menu also includes fresh wings and a New England lobster roll. Our funnel cakes will be made fresh to order."

The DeSousas believe in being good neighbors and are looking forward to getting Stadium Hot Dogs involved with local charity events to help the community.

Stadium Hot Dogs is set to open just before Christmas at the location previously occupied by Baytowne Melt.

- Brooke Scholl



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the all-day menu offers an Irish grand slam of a breakfast, fish and chips, wings, pizza, and an array of hearty sandwiches, including Irish reuben, Philly cheese steak, burgers, chicken and hot dogs. There's even Maine lobster bisque. Full bar, $4 - 21. 2298 Scenic Highway 30-A West, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-0101. **www.johnnymctighesirishpub.com.**

ITALIAN

CIAO ITALIA BISTRO Dine inside or outside at Guglielmo Ianni's latest bistro. The big menu offers classic Italian appetizers like bruschetta, caprese and calamari, and a range of pasta, chicken, meat, fish and shellfish entrees—puttanesca, Bolognese, parmigiana, pescatore, and some house originals. Daily specials, family dining options, comfortable atmosphere and friendly service. Full bar. Open Monday through Saturday, 5-10 p.m. 985 U.S. 98 East, Suite F, Destin, 850-842-4677.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY FRIDAY NIGHT PASTA Open to the public, 5-7 p.m. Spaghetti with meatballs, sausage or meatless. Weekly specials and takeouts available. All dinners complete with salad and garlic bread. Hall rental available. Major credit cards accepted. Located at 808 South Drive in Fort Walton Beach, right off Racetrack Road behind Big Lots.

TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO Authentic Italian cuisine includes pasta, freshest seafood, tender veal and more. A true taste of Italy--beautiful Italian decor with handpainted murals. Live Entertainment by Eclipse (Don and Amanda), Special Happy Hour from 5 to 8 p.m. 36178 Emerald Coast Pkwy. Next to City Market in Destin. 850-650-2451.

LATIN / MEXICAN

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you're hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, $4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. **www.CrabIslandCantina.com.**

LA COCINA MEXICAN GRILL & BAR Since 2009, La Cocina has served traditional Tex-Mex fare with a coastal twist in a fun, festive atmosphere. We prepare all of our dishes from scratch using the freshest ingredients available. La Cocina is nestled between Rosemary Beach and Alys Beach in Seacrest Beach. Menu highlights include Tacos de Camerones with grilled shrimp, shredded lettuce, habanero pickled onions and feta cheese; the Pollo Fundido with shredded chicken and sour cream (chimichanga style) topped with cheese; and the Lobster Quesadilla with lobster, crab, shrimp and cheese topped with chipotle aioli and fruit salsa. Saturdays and Sundays, enjoy $7 specialty cocktails during football season. Open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. 10343 East CR-30A, Panama City Beach, 850-231-4021, **lacocina30a.net.**

LA PAZ offers just about anything you'd want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, full bar. $15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. **www.lapazdestin.com.**

PEPITO'S MEXICAN GRILL An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito's a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes carnitas, enchiladas, fajitas, vegetarian dishes, steaks and seafood specialties. $4-19. 757 Harbor Blvd, Destin, 650-7734. Additional locations in Bluewater Bay and Fort Walton Beach. **www.mypepitos.com**.

PIZZA & PASTA

LANDSHARK'S PIZZA Daily happy hour, 3-6 p.m. and full liquor bar plus award-winning pizza and wings. 360 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-6743. **www.LandsharksPizza.com.**

MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas traditional and exotic include pesto, jerk chicken, gourmet white, and Magical Mystery Tour. Colorful psychedelic décor and friendly service. $4-25. 960 Hwy 98E, Sunsations Plaza, Destin, 650-6420.

REDBRICK PIZZA Fresh fire-roasted pizzas, fhazani sandwiches and gourmet Italian gelato Ice cream. We use only Qualita superior Italian cheeses and premium ingredients. Savor the passion of a century-old Italian tradition. Locations are Destin Commons next to Rave Motion Pictures, 850-424-5990; and Pier Park, Panama City Beach, 850-236-1413. Hours are Sun.-Thurs., 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. and Sat., 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

SEAFOOD

THE BACK PORCH Experience open air dining with the best view of the Gulf of Mexico. Serving grouper, oysters, fried crab claws and our famous char-grilled amberjack. Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 a.m. 1740 Old Highway 98 East, Destin. On U.S. 98 across from the Track, turn at the Hampton Inn, drive about 1/4 mile, and you'll find us on the right side. **www.theback-porch.com.** 850-837-2022.

CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF A tradition since 1977, Capt. Dave's is a go-to place for the kind of seafood that made this area famous. A time-tested selection of fried, grilled, and broiled fish, shellfish, steaks and chicken, with house and seasonal specialties. Full bar. $5-25. 3796 Scenic Hwy 98, Destin, 850-837-2627.

DEWEY DESTIN'S HARBORSIDE RESTAURANT The classics, done right. Shrimp, crab, tuna, grouper, scallops, oysters and some land-based items, served fried, grilled, or steamed in most conceivable combinations. Family-friendly, accommodating staff. Nightly specials, full bar. Open daily at 11 a.m. 202 Harbor Boulevard, Destin, 850-837-7525.

DEWEY DESTIN'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT Get fed with the real locals on Calhoun. Dine inside or out on the water, choosing from grilled and fried local fish and shellfish. Oysters, scallops, shrimp, crab, yellowfin and daily catch served in baskets, on platters or on sandwiches with gumbo, apps and salads that all go well with the laid-back setting. Beer and wine. Open daily at 11 a.m. 9 Calhoun Avenue, Destin, 850-837-7575.

GRANDE VISTA BAR & GRILL Located in the Emerald Grande. Open daily 7 a.m.-9 p.m. for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Grande Vista Bar & Grill has delicious local seafood, signature

Cafe Thirty-A Christmas Soiree to Benefit Caring and Sharing

Cafe Thirty-A is proud to present its annual Charity Christmas Soiree Friday, **Dec. 1.** Proceeds will benefit **Caring and Sharing of South Walton.**

From 7 to 11 p.m. guests are invited to delight in the beautiful holiday decor. Dress is evening attire, black tie optional. In addition to a buffet and passed heavy *hors d'oeuvres*, a cash bar, and music by **DJ 30A,** guests can commemorate the evening with Epic Photo Co.'s photo booth.

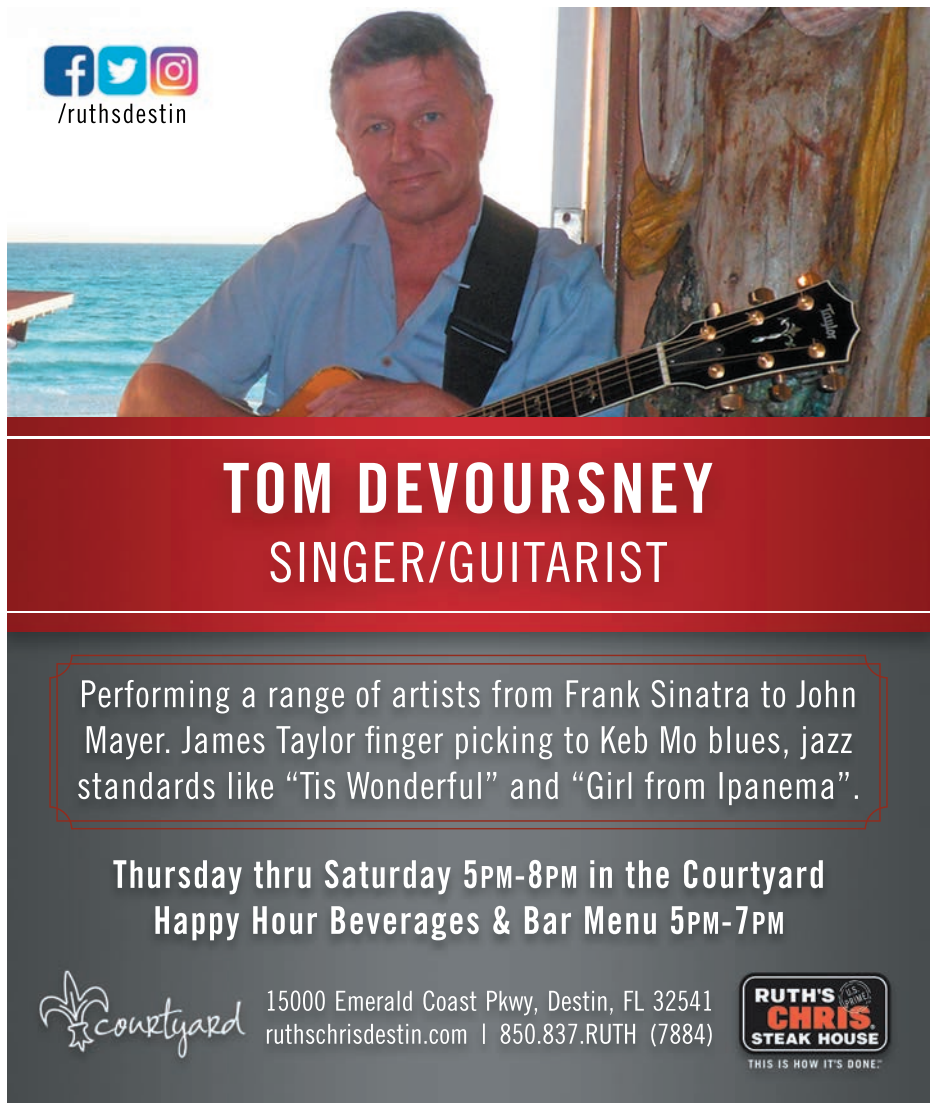
The event will boast a large silent auction and raffle for Caring and Sharing's efforts towards food and financial assistance to area families and individuals in need.

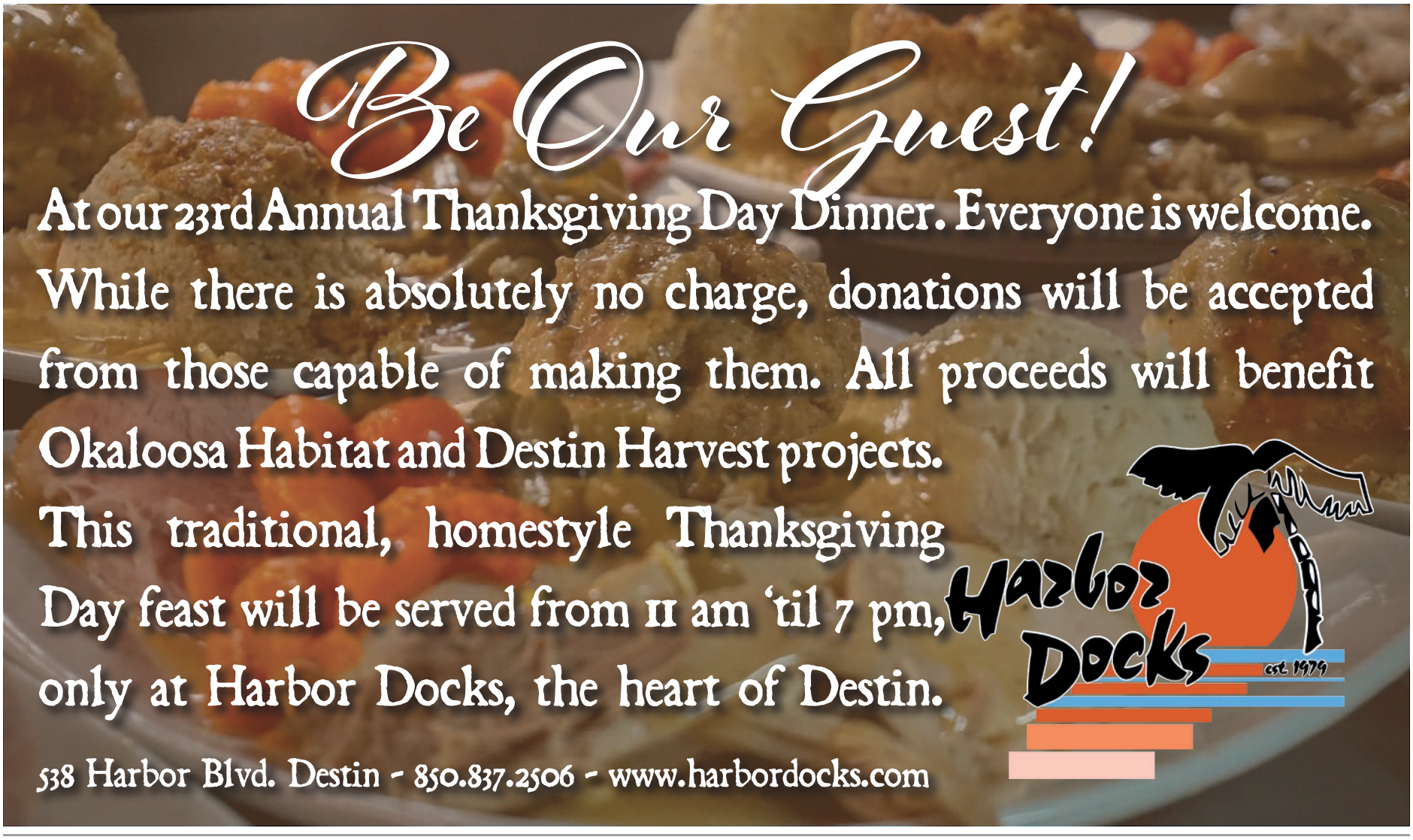
"I am honored to continue this annual tradition," says restaurant owner **Harriet Crommelin.** "Caring and Sharing of South Walton is a charity that is near and dear to my heart, and I am excited to continue raising money for this great organization."

General admission tickets are $75 per person, available for purchase at **cafethirtya.com.**

Area businesses interested in sponsorships are encouraged to email Lexi Willcoxon at **lexi@proffittpr.com.**

- Jessica Proffitt Bracken





Bartender of the Issue — Hunter Griffith

Bijoux, The Market Shops at Sandestin

Hunter was born and raised in Destin. He's 26 years old, and 12 of those have been spent working in the service industry.

The journey began when Hunter was 14, busing tables at Buster's in Miramar Beach. He worked his way up to fine dining at Fleming's in Grand Boulevard at Sandestin running food, and three years later, Hunter landed his first serving gig at Grayton Beach's The Red Bar. There, he "really learned the ins and outs of the service industry."

Hunter joined the Mitchell's Fish Market team at Grand Boulevard in 2011 as a server, slowly working his way up to bartender. "After having my son last year, I saw a better job opportunity at Bijoux," he says.

He's been pouring at Bijoux for a year and a half now. "I love that it's family owned and operated," Hunter says. "They've treated me like one of their own since I walked in the door.

"And it helps that we have some of the best food in town!"

- Chris Manson

Restaurant Guide

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The Night the Turtles Came Out

By JJ Chambers

Three friends were wrapping up a visit on Wednesday evening, September 6, around 10 p.m., when one of them, Brenton Clemons, thought we should go to the beach and check the turtle nest at Oceana.

Brenton is the longtime manager of Sandpiper Cove's beach service, and he is very knowledgeable and attuned to all things related to the beach. He said he had a feeling in his gut that it would be a good night to check on an eight-week-old turtle nest.

We drove to Sandpiper Cove and walked to the nest at Oceana with Alex Simpson, who handles the beach service there. The normally smooth sand area within the staked off turtle nest had a very small pea-sized depression in the middle, and in less than a minute we saw a small head beginning to poke out. Then it began. The baby turtles came rushing out and began the approximately 35-foot journey toward the surf.

It was an amazingly beautiful evening with a completely full moon at nearly 100 percent. There was a light balmy breeze and a warm, calm Gulf surf. There were probably 90 to 95 baby turtles all headed in unison towards the nearly flat Gulf water.

The sea turtle exodus a minute or two after it began.

We had apparently arrived at the very moment they hatched and began to dig out of the nest. The entire journey from beginning to end lasted about 15 minutes before they were all happily swimming out into the Gulf.

I know the beach service men are very conscience of the activities and rhythms of the beach, but to make the call to check the turtle nest at the very moment they began their escape was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Many people connected with protecting the turtles have watched for days and missed the actual event.

It was hard to imagine being there at the exact moment it began, on such a gorgeous night. Incredibly, Brenton also had the presence of mind to bring a red light (which does not disturb the turtles as a regular white light would), allowing us to capture the special event. Brenton mentioned that ghost crabs often will take some of the baby turtles when they come out of the nest, but apparently the vibrations of our feet walking around kept them away.

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